

**Annual Meeting of Membership:**

July 7<sup>th</sup> at the Jewish community center.

Meeting called to order at 12:05. Quorum present.  
Minutes from last years' meeting on the website.

**Acknowledgements and introduction of New Members.**

**Presidents' report. (Vince Pagano)**

Vince did a quick review orally.

Activities include preserving quality of the lake water. Beach maintenance, Monitoring the Loon Gulf issue of potential development, and cultural activities like the picnic.

Vince announced his retirement as of July 23rd.

**Treasurer's report Jane Caroll)**

Financial report attached.

Jane Caroll reported on our financial status.

We are solvent and will use \$3000 approximately for the dock, picnic table and possibly a swim raft for the beach.

We also have an amount set aside for invasive species studies.

There are \$19,000 in our savings account of which \$14,000 is set aside as a reserve fund for invasive species only. Cannot be touched for anything else.

Question from the floor. How many camps are eligible for membership?

We have close to 100 members and there may be as many as 140 camps in total.

There are a few new members this year.....

**Elections**

Stuart nominated Tom Bartiss

? nominated George Waddy

Tom Bartiss nominated Walter Palesky.

Being that there are no other nominations, these 3 are all elected to the Board.

**Water Quality Testing;**

Invasive species and water quality testing.

Stuart Lucks has supervised the water quality testing for many years.

We do testing for invasive species annually and also Coliform and EColi every 3 years. Also tests for calcium etc. Our lake is considered of good clarity, not damaged by acid rain, which is often a problem in the Adirondacks, and low calcium levels. Generally good results.

Vince mentioned we need to still be cautious as to eradicate invasive species is very expensive to reverse. As long a so we have a fund we can start the work quickly. Jane Caroll will ask for special donations to this fund in the fall.

Tom reminded everyone that renters need to remind tenants to clean any boat they bring in to the lake. We have instructions on the launch docks how to clean a boat. Trailers also need to be checked, not just boats. Web site should keep information how to clean the boat.

#### **Garden Road: Road Work Update.**

Road conditions of both 26 and Garden road are deplorable. On Garden road they cut trees and left all the brush and old pipes, tree stumps, etc. Vince called the road supervisor and they did a little work on a small part of 26 but no improvement to Garden road.

Vince Pagano will write also to the Town supervisor and make sure we will be on record.

Marilyn Weschler said Blue Spruce also is bad and has too much sand after they paved a few pieces.

Bob Davis also added that the bank was cut back and there are also some trees that are in danger of falling over.

Tom Bartiss says he has complained and given the town the rules of best practices in tree and road maintenance. Tom suggested that as many of us as can should also go to town meetings to complain directly. The meetings are every second Tuesday of the month. (Vince is this correct information??)

Another member tells us that we need to complain to both the state and the DEC. Vince thanked the speaker and said he will follow up on this approach which is a good second action we can follow.

#### **Picnic and beach clean up committee.**

Tom is spearheading this but volunteers needed to help him clean the beach ASAP as it needs maintenance now.

Also volunteers needed to help at the end of the picnic to clear up the space, pack the tents, etc.

George asked what time help is needed for set up. 11:30 would work.

Vince reminded everyone to bring a dish for the picnic.

#### **Loon Gulf committee activity**

Stuart Lucks first reminded everyone of the history of the situation. Last May LG made a pre- application for development.

Stuart Lucks. Explained the work of the Legal committee.

1) set ourselves up to be alert and prepared. Freedom of information request sent out every few months and we get information.

2) Past legal issues and past proposals for this area (1970's and 1980's) were studied to use as a basis for further actions if needed.

3) Identified other resources and association. We contacted a lawyer who specializes in the area, as well as environmental engineers.

4) Although we are not engaged in raising funds we need to be geared and prepared.

George added that to hire a lawyer or environmental engineer, if need be, we would need to start a fund raising campaign.

Sam Gewurz said he felt we need to set up the reserve fund now.

Len Wisse, Chair of the Communications committee explained that to get a tax receipt for a fund we need to either set up a 501 C3 Alternatively, we can get an environmental group like Sierra to funnel funds for us if need be.

Greg Johnston asked if there any restrictions on development ? George said the restrictions of the 1970's and 1990's restrictions would set a precedent for future development. Since there is no plan in place the APA cannot take a stand now.

Tom mentioned that since they have some pre 1960's zoning they may be able to get away without APA intervention but still unlikely.

Also they require a permit and it is also a public notice to homeowners adjacent to their properties. Please make sure to inform Board if you get such notice.

Debbie Agus asked if the Board can make a decision to move forward without the full membership. Bylaws do allow the Board to move but Vince says he feels we should ask the full membership if possible.

Debbie feels that this meeting should then mandate the Board to fundraise in case of emergency.

Perhaps we need to get pledges and so we know what we have on hand.

Mr. Kelly: We don't know what type of fund we need so impossible to raise now. Is it a quick process and do we have time to act?

Zev Hershtal asked how much we need for both lawyers for this issue as well as for eradication of invasive species? Jane said at least \$50,000 and our \$14,000 won't touch it.

Stuart said for preliminary amounts we need for attorney and engineers we need around \$20,000.

Debbie said she doesn't feel we need to raise money now but to give a mandate for the board in case of emergency. Ayah Johnson added that we should also get pledges lined up.

Stuart Lucks : resolution to mandate the board to solicit pledges and move in case of emergency.

Greg Johnston suggest we use the word 'consider to support' rather than pledge.

Stuart presented a resolution that the general membership mandate the Board to investigate possible commitments, in case there is a serious threat.

Debbie Agus asked how we determine what is a serious threat?

Sam Gewuz feels we need at least \$20,000 as a strike fund in case of emergency. Zev Hershtal, agrees.

Discussion ensued whether we solicit actual funds or commitments?

Tom Castrovinci feels it is 2 resolutions. Mandate the board to get pledges and also the establishment of an ongoing small slush fund.

Sam feels it is 2 part ...allow board to move in case of emergency and also create a slush fund for rush situations.

Stuart Lucks presents the first resolution, Ayah seconded it.

Motion carries with an easy majority, and so it is not necessary to carry forth the 2nd resolution.

Board is mandated to use its discretion on what is an emergency. The board is mandated to create a first response fund and in case it is never needed, it becomes part of the invasive species fund.

#### **Communications Committee.:**

Vince called for volunteers for newsletter and general communications.

George mentioned that with the need to fundraise we need to have a communications vehicle. No volunteers stepped forward.

#### **General Issues: From the Floor.**

Greg Davis asked about the possibility of Broadband. Vince answered that the Town is required to provide this and it will happen shortly....

#### **Beach**

Paul Cohen mentioned that a dock was added for boats near the public beach and it may be dangerous for children if boats come in. Tom answered that there are laws of swimming and adding ropes or buoys would help keep boats away from swimming area.

#### **Thanks to Vince Pagano**

Lenny Wisse proposed a vote of thanks to Vince for his years of deep devotion and service. All concurred.

Meeting ended by 1:50.

Minutes submitted by Brenda Gewurz, Sec't.