

2023 MVLPA Annual Meeting Minutes JULY 1st 9AM

It was moved and seconded that President Nancy Steproe open the meeting at 9:00. Passed. It was moved and seconded that the reading of the 2022 minutes be waived. Passed. It was moved and seconded that all presently serving officers and Board members continue for the 2023 year. Passed

All people present introduced themselves by name and address.

Joe Maraldo reported on highlights of the 2023 NH Lake Congress held at Lake Winnepesaukee. The guest speaker this year was the Chief of the Abenaki tribe. All sessions that Joe and Carol attended reiterated the need for all lake residents to be vigilant about invasive species. If you see any vegetation that seems questionable, you can place it in a ziplock bag and give it to Joe. He will forward the sample to testing facilities.

Joe also reminded us that (1) the lake is extremely high right now...within 3" of high water line found on the rocks. It is important that boaters be careful not to cause large wakes near the shoreline; and (2) that someone yet again destroyed the beaver dam on Mud Pond. It is critical that we not further disturb beaver activity.

Joe also described the Lake Smart program of NH Lakes and distributed pamphlets about the program.

Question was raised concerning New Province Road run-off. It was suggested that we call the new Highway Department manager (Nancy will get us the name and phone number). Greg also mentioned that all highway projects are funded by the Selectmen who meet on the first Monday of each month at 6:30. Contacting them to request work be completed would be a good first step.

Nancy Steproe reminded us of the need to Clean, Drain, and Dry all boats before putting them into the lake. She complimented the MVS association for posting these requirements on the beach launch area. It was also noted that preference for use of the MVS boat launch is given to current dues-paying MVLPA members.

Water testing – Nancy Steproe announced that the water was tested last week and that the results were pretty much the same as in previous years. Water

sampling will continue in July and August, with e-coli testing in July. It was noted that Mountain View Lake has the longest running record of water sampling in NH.

Financial report – Greg Swick, Treasurer reported that the financial position of MVLPA is steady year on year. Cash on hand increased from \$7528 to \$9964, due primarily to continued low costs and steady if low membership intake.

Greg reported that 41 members participated in 2022 and a similar rate was expected after receiving membership checks in at this meeting. That is a participation rate of about 40% of households.

New Sunapee initiatives– Greg Swick reported that there are two new initiatives in Sunapee:

1. Reduce Salt Initiative: the city will begin using a new product based on Molasses called Magic Salt on paved roads only. At the present time they are studying the new product and have begun funding needed equipment.
2. Septic inspections: Effective July 1, 2023 as part of the water quality initiative (both lake and drinking water) properties within 250' of a lake must have their septic systems pumped and inspected every three years. Details can be found on the Health department portion of the Sunapee website. Tracking will be done by software and a code enforcement officer. After septic inspections, property owners should submit a form (receipt including date and gallons) as proof of completion. A DES septic inspection is now required as part of the sale of property within 250' of a lake.

David Campbell described new legislation stating that the required 40' well radius cannot encumber a neighbor's property. Well contractors will be required to complete all DES paperwork when digging new wells.

Website: Cost of maintaining our website is \$15/month which has been paid by Julia Magee from her personal account for the last 5 years. It was moved and seconded that MVLPA assume the cost. Passed. It was moved and seconded that MVLPA reimburse Julia Magee for all back payments. Passed.

Hamel Rd clean-up day was not done on a large scale this year. Instead, several bags of trash and electrical equipment were collected in conjunction with Sunapee clean up day.

Nancy Steproe reminded us to be mindful of our neighbors (and birds) around the lake regarding the use of floodlights at night. It was suggested that a timer could be used as well as pointing outside lights down toward the ground.

The membership was reminded that MVLPA donates \$300/year to New Hampshire Lakes.

David Campbell reminded us that all children 12 and under are required to wear life preservers on any watercraft (rowboats, canoes, motorboats, kayaks, paddle boards, jet skis).

Restocking the lake was discussed. It was moved and seconded that we allow private donations for a special fund and decide at the 2024 meeting if we want to restock in 2025. Passed.

Concern regarding runoff from the development on Blueberry Hill: There is presently NO ridge line prohibition. Suggestion was made to request a warranty article from the Sunapee Planning Commission.

The short term rental warrant article was passed by Selectmen. It was suggested that MVLPA and MVSA keep an eye on the regulations and how they will affect our area.

Kelly announced that she and Tom were planning to organize another MVL dance party, probably in mid July.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty Hopkins, Secretary