

## Mountain View Lake Protection Association Annual Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2016

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Nancy Steproe, President, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She went over the agenda and introduced the association officers and directors. She also indicated that the association now has a new website – [www.mountainviewassoc.com](http://www.mountainviewassoc.com).

The first item on the agenda was a presentation by the NH Marine Patrol. Captain Tim Dunleavy, commander of the NH Marine Patrol spoke about the Marine Patrol and boating safety. (NOTE: The following summary is for minutes only and should not be relied on for a summary of boating regulations/requirements in NH. – please make sure you check the actual boating regulations and safety requirements.) Among his comments were the following:

- the marine patrol is a bureau in the state police
- the office is in Guilford
- they register approximately 92,000 boats each year in the state
- Marine Patrol jurisdiction is on-water activities.

### Boat Safety:

- new law: if towing on a tube, you can have up to 6 people on the tube but you need two observers if more than 3 people on the tube
- if pulling skiers, you can have a maximum of 2 on skies at one time and you need one observer
- children 12 and under – must wear a lifejacket on any type of boat, including a paddleboard
- boats after sunset must display lights. Paddle craft must have 1 white light that is visible 360 degrees. Power boats must display the red and green lights
- anyone towed outside of any type of boat must wear a life jacket
- speed recommendations on tubes; heed those to avoid injuries (most common is people on tubes hitting each other).
- Power craft must yield to paddle craft. Paddlers be courteous to other craft.
- Drunk driving on a boat: governed by the same language as governs drunk driving in a car. In NH if you are cited on a boat and lose your boating license, you also lose your driving license and vice versa
- There is no open container law on boats but be aware that the water environment increase impairment (heat, glare light etc.)
- If you have a boating concern, call the Marine Patrol Office
- Boats must be at No Wake Speed if within 150 feet of a dock, shore, other boat, person
- There is no regulation on how early powerboats can be on the water. They can be as close to shore anywhere on a lake as long as that boat does not interfere with landowner having access to get their own boat out

- Marine Patrol has no authority over noise – that is generally regulated by the local Town

#### Boating Education:

- Over 25 horsepower – must be 16 years old to operate and must have passed a boating course
- If you are under 16, you can operate if someone over 18 who has passed a boating course is in the boat
- Out of State boating license is accepted in NH if the course is approved by one of the following: Coast Guard Auxiliary; US Power Squadron; any NASBLA approved course
- NH boating classes are on line
- NH Boating laws apply in salt water as well

#### Boating Registration:

- Any boat with a motor must be registered
- Sailboats less than 12 feet do not need to be registered – Sunfish is over 12 feet and must be registered
- If a boat is in the water and not registered, it is in violation
- You can register your boat at most town halls, DMV registration offices and most marinas

The next item on the agenda was the reading of the minutes from last year. A motion was made and seconded to waive this. It was unanimously approved.

The next item was the Treasurer's report, presented by Ruth Linder. In FY-2015-2016, the Association took in \$515 in revenue. Expenses for the same time period were \$695.30. Of that, \$409.00 was for the water testing. Other costs include membership in other associations related to lake protection. The current balance is \$4,123.

The next item was a report on the water quality testing done last year, presented by Ward Bennett. (The report is posted on the website.) Ward indicated he has been doing the testing for the last 5 years. Testing is done 3 times/year. In 2016, it will be done in July, August and September. He indicated that there has not been a change in water quality over the years. There were no signs of E.coli – normally this test is not done but was included last year.

The next item was a presentation on invasive species by Joe Maraldo. He recently went to a meeting of the NH Lake Association; of which we are a member. Milfoil is a real threat – luckily it is not in Mountainview Lake yet. Everyone needs to be aware of this issue. Information on the Clean, Drain and Dry program is on the website. The state limnologist came and surveyed the lake earlier this summer and did not identify any invasive species. The resulting report will be posted to the website. Joe will be setting up another time later in the year for a second survey. Zebra mussels are another potential threat – they are carried by the prop and trailer. Also rock bass have been caught in the lake – they are an invasive species. They are identifiable by their red eyes – if you catch one, don't throw back in – kill it.

The state will train people to be weed watchers. Joe would like to get at least 8 volunteers who are on the lake for most of the summer and active in the water to volunteer to be trained. Contact the association through the website if you are interested. Information about the "frightful 14" invasive

species will also be added to the website. Finally he cautioned people to be careful not to plant exotic upland species on the shoreline.

The next item was the election of officers. Nancy indicated that all existing officers and directors were willing to continue to serve. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate, and unanimously approved.

The discussion then turned to the concept of a summer social. It was decided that it would be held on September 3 at the Freidman's house. Details will be posted on the website and an email announcement sent out. People were also reminded that the speed limit on Hamel Road is 25mph along its entire length.

People were reminded to pick up their dog feces as there was a lot appearing on the beach. It was also noted that the beach platforms are the property of Mountainview Shores. Others are welcome to use it but older kids are coming and kicking the younger ones off. That is not appropriate. Also the kayaks at the beach are not for public use.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.