

# Harvey Lake Watershed Association

Annual Membership Meeting of Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Northwood Town Hall

## MINUTES

**Present:** Bob Charest, Gisele Houston, Cindy Charest, Jamie Walker, Jen Boulanger, Kiyoko Uramatsu, Heatha Normandin, Jeff Boulanger, Regina Walker, Mike Lord, Sheila Lord, Russ Lubik (new member this evening), Kim Mitzel, Betty Smith, Mike Smith,

President Bob Charest called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### Reports:

Bob reported on the minutes of the meeting of June 21, 2017, and an email poll of Feb. 12, 2018. Also, the membership was polled by email in the fall as to the date of the annual meeting, which was postponed from last fall, and those voting decided to conduct the annual meeting this spring (the reason for tonight's meeting). The email poll on Feb. 12 was to ask the directors for permission to apply for a 2018 Lake Host grant and pay the annual \$300 dues to the New Hampshire Lakes Association. That vote was affirmative, 3-0, with Bob, David Kerkhoff and Gisele Houston in favor.

Treasurer Gisele Houston presented the treasurer's report for the period of June 22, 2017, to April 30, 2018. The beginning balance was \$1,423.77. During the period, a total of \$135 was paid in expenses, including lab testing fees, and the balance as of April 30, 2018 is \$2,356.77, with dues from members. Motion by Betty Smith; seconded by Mike Smith for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. All in favor.

Bob also explained that over the winter, our account with TD Bank was closed and reopened as a new account. This is because fraudulent activity was detected on

Bob's personal accounts, and TD Bank required that all accounts for which he has signatory approval (Harvey Lake is one such account) had to be closed and reopened as a new account.

### **Annual Election of Officers:**

Bob distributed a copy of the officers' positions that are open for election this evening. The fact sheet also included the duties and estimated time commitment of each position.

He went through all positions and asked for nominations from the floor. He said all positions will serve until the annual meeting of 2019.

The positions:

**President:** Bob Charest was nominated by Mike Smith; seconded by Cindy Charest. No nominations from the floor.

**Vice President:** David Kerkhoff, who could not be here this evening, had earlier indicated his willingness to serve again and was nominated by Bob Charest, seconded by Jamie Walker.

**Secretary:** Position is vacant and there were no nominations from the floor.

**Treasurer:** Gisele Houston was nominated by Bob Charest; seconded by Cindy Charest.

**Lake Host Point Person:** This position is currently being handled as part of the president's responsibility.

**Weed Watcher Captain:** David Kerkhoff, who had indicated he would again serve, was nominated by Bob Charest, seconded by Jamie Walker.

**Water Quality Coordinator:** The position is currently vacant, and Jen Boulanger has volunteered to serve. She was nominated by Bob Charest, seconded by Betty Smith.

**At Large Director:** Currently vacant, Jamie Walker volunteered to serve. He was nominated by Bob Charest, seconded by Jen Boulanger.

**At Large Director:** Currently vacant, Russ Lubik volunteered to serve. He was nominated by Bob Charest, seconded by Jamie Walker.

**At Large Director:** Currently vacant, Mike Lord volunteered to serve. He was nominated by Bob Charest, seconded by Jamie Walker.

Bob called for the membership to cast one vote for the slate of officers, and all voted to approve the new officers for the 2017-2019 annual election.

**Lake Host Program:** Bob reported that this is the 14<sup>th</sup> year that the association will participate in the Lake Host program run through the N.H. Lakes Association. Part of every boat registration fee goes to an invasive species fund, part of which funds the Lake Host program. The Lake Host is a "goodwill ambassador," not a law enforcer, and will be seated at the boat launch weekends from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in July and August. Emily Potoczak, a resident of Harvey Lake, will be serving for her third summer as the Lake Host.

This brought up a discussion of the boat launch/beach area. Members are interested in determining if this area can be made private. Due to its inclusion in the Fish and Game list of "Public Access Boating and Fishing Sites in New Hampshire," available on the Fish & Game website, the site is open to all fishermen, and members want to investigate if this area can be made private, specifically for the use of Harvey Lake residents. Bob will investigate this and issue a report to the members.

Members also discussed the dam, which is town-owned, and the issue of installing and removing the board on top of the dam, depending on the time of year and the level of the lake. Right now, several private residents have assumed responsibility for caring for the dam. The structure is town owned, and we need to determine if the town will take responsibility for the associated duties of dam ownership.

Members also discussed the sewage lagoons, which are situated at the town transfer station, located right on the edge of our watershed. Bob said he has checked the DES file in the past (probably about five years ago), and the area is monitored by several test wells that an engineering firm checks monthly. They must report their findings to the state, and Bob indicated that at last check, there were no violations reported. Perhaps it is time he checked the file again since it has been awhile.

**Weed Watcher Program:** Bob asked for volunteers who would be willing to go out on the lake once a month in summer and inspect an assigned area of the shoreline for signs of invasive species. David Kerkhoff, as weed watcher captain, would

coordinate these assigned areas and monthly reports. This way, we would be able to identify any problems early. Any suspected plants can be mailed in specimen bags (Bob has some) to the state for identification. Several members volunteered, including: Jen Boulanger, Heatha Normandin, Sheila Lord, Kim Mitzel, and Bob Charest. Bob will give these names and email addresses to David so that he can determine areas to inspect.

**Any other business:** There being no other business brought forward by the members, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

The association currently has a Facebook page and a website ([harveylake.com](http://harveylake.com)).

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Charest

President