

July 10, 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the Association president, Gerry Zahavi, at 10:05 am.

Introductions – Those present introduced themselves and identified their camps.

Minutes - The minutes from last year's meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report – Accepted

12/31/2015 Balance - \$2981

6/30/2016 Balance - \$3,136.84

Cost for CSLAP (\$470) and NYSFOLA (\$50) are increases from last year. Elizabethtown pays half of the former.

Last year 40 camps joined; so far this year, 30 camps have joined.

Suggestion that we look into raising dues to \$20. Revisit next year. Amount in by-laws

Judy Schwarz responsible for contributing to our financial health: t-shirts, glasses sales...

Revenue – membership Dues, Town share of CSLAP, NYSFOLA, and then product sales. Totals about \$800 a year.

Elections – Treasurer Jeff Sienkiewicz and Directors Judy Schwarz and Laura Garrison were re-elected.

Road Clean-up – Thanks to Wayne Johnson and his son-in-law from Alaska, Dennis Blackman, Debbie, Gerry and also to Laura who will do the last stretch. Thanks to Dennis for vests.

Cell Towers – Finally have Verizon up and running.

Broadband Report – Doug Spilling

Going slow. So far cell and satellite which have caps. Exceed lets you go over cap but slows after cap is reached.

Slick – State money available. Small community monies. Mid-milers are going for the money and getting around towns. Put us on list for Phase 2. May get in. Bring it close enough that we then o the last way on our roads.

Climate Survey – Keene did survey showing people staying longer, commerce, real estate after fiber optics in.

Will keep on top of this. Cable contract includes serving underserved or unserved.

Dam Project - Wayne Johnson

Information from Tom Lincoln, DEC. Spillway half finished. It is being widened. Bringing walls and berms up on both sides of dam. Completion expected by Columbus Day. They will be replacing the gate. Dam will be run of river. No more fall draw down. There is a slot in the middle of the spillway to always let some flow out. Don't know what dimension that will be. Believe the spillway will be level without a V. Not sure whether gauge at the causeway is correct and not sure what the final lake level will be.

Presentation – “History of Dam Failures and Other Stories about the Pond and Black Rivers” – Maggie Bartley

Maggie gave an interesting and informative presentation about the pond, dam, Black River, and the two dam failures.. The first dam was built in 1904. Go to this link to hear her full presentation:

[http://www.lincolnpound.org/maggie-bartley-kingdom-dam\(7-10-2016\).mp3](http://www.lincolnpound.org/maggie-bartley-kingdom-dam(7-10-2016).mp3)

Lake Quality – Wayne Johnson

Last year's CSLAP should have been posted on the website. The weeds on lower pond are up to the surface, getting worse, filling in. Lake clarity and conditions continue to be good.

Road Conditions

Lower Pond Rd.-Wayne reports he had a good response to the letter requesting funds. Not much done yet. Wayne and Doug have spread some gravel and will do more with Doug's new excavator. There are some old culverts that need to be replaced.

Twin Brooks –Jeff Wright is collecting money and managing work. The road is in pretty good shape.

Fish and Wildlife

There have been bear sightings on Debbie & Gerry's driveway and in the woods near their stream. Fishing has been good. Four loons have been spotted, one on Lower Pond and three on upper pond. A woodchuck is living in Paul and Judy's wall. Beaver dams in upper pond. A pair of osprey and a bald eagle have also been seen.

Annual Picnic – Scheduled for August 20, 11:30 am at the State Campsite. Sign-up sheet passed around. People reported positively about last year's picnic.

T-Shirts, Glasses... - Enough items have been sold to cover expenses. We have over 1 dozen stem and stemless glasses left. Lots of dark green long and short sleeve shirts and one box of light green t-shirts and pink V-neck are also available. See Judy at the car or contact Judy. Also see Judy if you want cedar seedlings.

New Business and News

- Lacy broke her shoulder, laid up for 6 weeks.
- Julia Podres, 104 years old, passed away. She kept active... Article in *Press Republican*.
- State police gave out over 50 tickets last year. They, as well as the Sheriff's Department, have been contacted again this year.
- Milfoil – In Vermont 2 lakes, Lake Dunmore and Lake Fern were closed for one day (can't swim or use) and the herbicide Renovate was put in. Unknown if it is working. If it works we could contact DEC about NY rules. Perhaps Cornell Cooperative Extension would help us write a grant if we decide to pursue this.
- Down by the dam – Will the downed trees be removed? Will talk to Tom Lincoln.
- Phone line hanging very low all last winter, called phone company in the spring and they came out in 2days,

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Maxwell
Secretary