

**Loon Pond Betterment Association
Annual Meeting - 7/25/15
Meeting Minutes**

Loon Pond Betterment Association Board Members:

Jim Weber – President
Steve Buyck – Vice President
Judy Weber – Treasurer
Cathy Buyck – Secretary
Debbie Kenney – Member at Large
Denise Hanson – Member at Large

Loon Pond Betterment Association Members in Attendance: 40 in total

Steve & Cathy Buyck
Denise & Bill Hanson
Terrence Whitten
Dick Johnston
Laurie Pierce
Bob & Waydette Poitras
Sylvia Eaton
Deb & Paul Kenney
Joe & Donna Raycraft
Maynard Hanson
Betty Hanson
Helen Collins
Ed Ressler
Paul & Evie LeBlanc
Joe Pare
Ralph & Nan Ferraro
Pat & Joe Szelenyi
Tony Bolduc
Peg Reeves
Gail Garza
John & Rachel Mitchell
Don Daigle
Lynwood Leighton
Arlene Croteau
Michelle & Dave Rivard
Pam & Dave Denyse
Elizabeth Cervizzi

Judy & Jim Weber

Agenda:

1. Meet the council board members
2. Guest speaker Deputy Dan Shaw
3. Guest speaker Town Selectman Ted Kryzak
4. Guest speaker Historical Society's Dick Neal
5. Water Quality Test Results
6. Turtle Cove Boat Launch Information
7. Financial Report, Review of By-laws, Election of New Board Members

Discussion:

- The meeting began with a call to order. The Loon Pond Betterment Association (LPBA) Board Members, seated at the front of the room in a panel format, were introduced and then several guest speakers addressed the members:
 - .1. The above identified board members were introduced.
 - .2. Deputy Dan Shaw was supposed to be a guest speaker at the meeting, but was called away and not available.
 - .3. Ted Kryzak, Selectman for the Town of Acton, was the first speaker – Ted introduced himself as a Selectman for the Town of Acton for 5 years, with 4 years as Chairman.
 - .3.1. Ted discussed the recent merger with the Town of Acton Ambulance department. The Town of Acton Ambulance used to be a volunteer organization and Sanford covered when the volunteers could not cover. The new merger will save a lot of money, since Acton will not have to pay Sanford per run. Ted also discussed the ongoing project to build a new building for the Sand/Salt shed, to replace the existing building by the Acton School, that was deemed unsafe. These two projects will have an impact on the Acton tax rate for the upcoming year. The Acton tax rate will be going up .55/thousand to fund these new projects. It will be the first tax rate hike in 5 years, other than the .10/thousand increase that was incurred when the state went from assessing taxes by fiscal year rather than calendar year.
 - .3.2. There was discussion surrounding the Loop Road condition and the need to add dirt and grade. Ted informed that if Loop Road Association was a 501c3 Charity, that Association could go before the selectman to a special town meeting before the last week in January, 2016 to get on the Charity list for this activity. Unfortunately, the Loop Road Association is not a 501c3 Charity. It was also noted that not too many of the Loop Road residents are year round residents of Acton.
 - .3.3. Ted completed his discussion by explaining the difference and between Acton Shapleigh as it relates to the school systems. Shapleigh is part of a community

school board, where Acton is not. This holds down the school expenses for Shapleigh as compared with Acton.

- .4. Dick Neal, member of the Board of Directors for the Acton/Shapleigh Historical Society, was the final speaker. Dick introduced himself as a former Selectman of Acton, and now associated with the Acton/Shapleigh Historical Society.
 - .4.1. The Acton/Shapleigh Historical Society was established in 1964 and is located in the Old School House building on Rte 109. It is open to the public on Mondays between 6 and 8 PM. Their mission is primarily to help families identify their ancestry roots. Dick has done extensive research on the history of Acton schools from as far back as the 1700s and is writing a book on this topic. He regaled the meeting attendees with several humorous stories from his research.
 - .4.2. Dick also spoke about the history of the Mousam River dams from Acton to Kennebunk. In the 1900s, Goodall Mills bought the rights to control the dams because they needed to raise the water levels to support their business. In the 1950s, when the mills closed, the town of Sanford took over the control of the dams. Sanford has been urging Acton/Shapleigh to get more involved with maintaining the dams, and more recently, Acton/Shapleigh have begun to participate more heavily. In 1989, lakefront owners paid 75% of the total tax dollars in the Town of Acton.
- .5. Jim Weber presented a discussion on the water quality testing that is being done by the Loon Pond Betterment Association. He also presented the results of the water quality testing that had been done prior to our meeting.
 - .5.1. Jim explained that each year, the LPBA tests the water of Loon Pond for E. coli bacteria. This year's water samples were collected on 7/15/15, at three different locations on the pond. Nelson Analytical Lab analyzed the samples with the following results:
 - .5.1.●.1. East End, near Camp Nutter: <1 – (mpn/100mL)(Colilert 18 Method)
 - .5.1.●.2. South End, Back Cove: 1 – (mpn/100mL)(Colilert 18 Method)
 - .5.1.●.3. NW End, Turtle Cove: 3 – (mpn/100mL)(Colilert 18 Method)
 - .5.2. New this year is the addition of tests for water clarity and Phosphorus. Jim and Judy Weber completed the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program's (VLMP) training workshop and are certified to collect transparency (water clarity) data with a Secchi Disk and viewing scope, as well as Phosphorus Surface Grab samples.
 - .5.2.●.1. Transparency data will be collected every two weeks from May to October, and provided to the Mail VLMP and Maine DEP. The Maine DEP provides individual lake reports, which are published in the spring. As of the annual meeting, two water transparency tests had been conducted.
 - .5.2.●.1.1. June 14: 10.0 feet (Secchi Disk was visible on the bottom)
 - .5.2.●.1.2. July 19: 9.71 feet (Secchi Disk was visible on the bottom)
 - .5.2.●.2. The LPBA board voted to approve spending \$75.00 on 3 Phosphorus (SG) tests (\$25.00 per test). The 3 sample kits were received and the first sample

was taken on 7/19 and submitted to the Maine DEP for analysis. Results will be available in the next 30 days. The 2nd and 3rd samples will be collected in mid-August and mid-September.

- .5.3. A Loon Pond Historical Water Quality Monitoring table was presented that displayed water quality monitoring results from Loon Pond from as far back as 1979 up through 2009.
- .6. An update was provided regarding the use of the Turtle Cove Boat Launch by LPBA members.
 - .6.1. Dick Tetu is in charge of the Loop Road Boat launch. He is the contact person for launching your watercraft from the Loop Road launch. His residence is 73 Loop Road; his phone number is 207-475-4682.
 - .6.2. The cost is \$10.00 and includes launching and removing your watercraft. If you want to put your watercraft in and out more than once a season it is \$10.00 each time (includes launching and removing).
 - .6.3. The launch is open to all Loon Pond property owners only.
 - .6.4. The Loop Road Neighborworx have rules listed at the launch area, and if not followed you risk losing your privilege to use the launch.
 - .6.5. The launch is gated and locked, so you must make an appointment to launch your watercraft.
 - .6.6. Payment must be made when you launch your watercraft. You may pay by check; made out to Loop Road Neighborworx or by cash.
- .7. The Financial Report, By-laws of the LPBA and Election of New Board members were discussed.
 - .7.1. Minor modifications to the By-laws were proposed and approved by the meeting attendees. The By-laws have since been updated.
 - .7.2. All existing board members proposed/agreed to stay on in their current positions. This was approved by meeting attendees. There was one opening on the LPBA Board for an alternate member. Laurie Pierce volunteered to take this position and this was approved by the meeting attendees.
 - .7.3. Results of the Election of new LPBA Board Members for 2016:
 - .7.3.●.1. Jim Weber – President (Jimweber2000@gmail.com)
 - .7.3.●.2. Steve Buyck – Vice President (stevebuyck@metrocast.net)
 - .7.3.●.3. Judy Weber – Treasurer (Judyw124@gmail.com)
 - .7.3.●.4. Cathy Buyck – Secretary (c.alexander.1062@hotmail.com)
 - .7.3.●.5. Debbie Kenney – Member at Large (dkenney@rocketmail.com)
 - .7.3.●.6. Denise Hanson – Alternate (dhanson@homefashionsinc.com)
 - .7.3.●.7. Laurie Pierce – Alternate (amesburychowderhead@yahoo.com)

Door Prize Winners:

Donna Raycraft – Kitchen Gift Basket

Elizabeth Cervizzi – Door Hanging

Bev & Ron Pucci – Bathroom Gift Basket

Raffle Winners:

Jim Weber: Custom Loon Pond Clock

Jim Weber: \$ 50 Gift Certificate to Reny's

Don Daigle: \$ 25 Gift Certificate to Ted's Fried Clams

Jim Weber: \$ 50 Gift Certificate to Home Fashions Outlet

Dick Johnston: Custom Loon Carving

Arlene Croteau: \$ 50 Gift Certificate to Sweat Shirt Shop

Rachel Mitchell: \$ 50 Gift Certificate to P&E Plumbing Supply

Helen Collins: \$ 25 Gift Certificate to Springvale Hardware

Bob & Waydette Poitras: \$ 50 Gift Certificate to Willies Ale Room