

LRA Annual Meeting Agenda 2015

Marty called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Roll Call: Ann Rose, Natalie Fisher, Mary Rita Batesole, Frank Wingate, Marty Fino, Angi Benson-Ciufo

Treasurer's Report:

President's Report: Marty introduced the board to the membership and provided a brief overview as to each member duties and contributions. Marty provided a brief overview of the activities that the board has been participating in, including Milfoil removal, ERP grants, tracking the shoreline protection legislation, attending meeting at the Ludlow Planning Commission regarding zoning, and the July 4th picnic.

Committee Reports

Ecosystem Research Program Grant 2015: Ann reported that we received approximately \$40,000 this year for the grant and read a report regarding the grant (attached). Marty also reported that last year LRA received almost 5k for the hours worked on the ERP grant and will earn additional monies this year. There was continued discussion about the information contained in the report as well as Lake Amherst and Echo.

Milfoil: Marty Rita reported that the screeners are working on Saturday's and Sunday's from 9-12. They have not found any weeds on trailers so far. Liz Spaulding suggested that we ask the membership to donate hours to cover times when the paid screeners are not there. Chris Salerno commented that the 90 degree turn on the river allows particles, sediment, etc to be dropped into the lake. There was discussion regarding the weekly water testing by the Norman's. The membership expressed thanks to the Norman's for continued leadership on this.

Frank Wingate reported the latest information on Milfoil including reports on the inspections by our divers. Frank read a summary report on Milfoil (attached). Frank also provided a map with locations that milfoil has been found (attached).

Frank reported that the divers intend to come back one a week for the remainder of the summer, hopefully through the end of September. There was discussion regarding the State's willingness to help out monetarily. Frank reported that from 2009-2012 we received a state grant. We did not have funding for a few years because we were successful with keeping milfoil out of the lake. Now that it is back, we are receiving it again this year.

There was discussion regarding additional methods for eradication including carp, chemicals, etc.

Shoreland Protection and Town Zoning: Marty brought a paper from the state that provides information regarding the Shoreland Protection Act. He also reported that Town Zoning still applies should owners want to do a project on the lake. The Town will leave the

Shoreland Protection Act permitting to the state and that they have left the setback to the lake unchanged at 50'. The town has not finalized their rules but should soon.

There was discussion regarding how long it takes to obtain a permit from the lake. Marty reported that according to the Ludlow Zoning Officer, it seems to be a fairly quick and smooth process.

Membership: Natalie reported that membership notices were sent out the bath endow June this year. So far we have 101 members that have paid and we have collect \$5,050 in membership dues so far. Last year we had 144 members and \$7,200 in dues and almost \$5,000 in donations. This year we have collected a little over \$3000 in donations. We will send out reminders shortly and hope to increase the number of members.

There was discussion regarding encouraging neighbors who have not joined to join the association.

TDI Project: Marty updated the membership on the TDI project which involves burying electric cable under East Lake Road going to the substation behind the lake. The project is still in permitting process and the hope to complete construction by 2018 & delivering power in 2019. Marty reported that TDI will leave the road in as good or better condition than they find it.

Speaker

Frank Heald - Ludlow Town Manager: Frank Heald reported to the membership regarding various activities in the Town. He reported that the tax rate went up less than 1% this year. He reported that there is some economic development occurring in Ludlow including Benson's Chevrolet is building a new building in town; He reported that South Face Village in under construction at Okemo; He reported that Okemo is putting in a new bubble chair. He expressed appreciation for the Board's involvement in local zoning changes.

He reported that the biggest struggle is Act 148 compliance at the moment. He reported that it is presenting some economic challenge.

Frank reported on the TDI New England commenting that we gave up 600+ megawatts of power with the cloing on Yankee Neuclear. This project brings 1000 megawatts of power through 2, 6" cables buried in 4 x 5' ditches. It will all take place on public land in Ludlow. The agreement they signed with the town requires they will leave the roads in as good or better condition. He reported that it will add 250-300 million to our grand list. This could potentially be 3-5 cents on our tax rate. Frank reported TDI has held public meetings and Ludlow and TDI has been to the select board a few times. There have also been meetings in Burlington and Rutland. Frank attended the one in Rutland and no one showed up for the meeting. The line construction will be similar to other buried utilities and the converter station will be built at the top of Barker Road. There is no direct benefit to the Ludlow Electric Department.

Frank commented that his door is always open and invited owners to call or stop by with any questions or concerns.

There was discussion regarding who would insure the road standard during the TDI construction. Frank reported that there are new standards for stormwater runoff that will come in 2017 & 2018 but it is unknown what those standards will be as of yet. However, this construction will have to conform to those standards and there will be engineers on site monitoring this. Frank reported the construction process for this is pretty simple - its burying lines similar to water and sewer lines. There was discussion on regarding cleaning out the catch basins, etc which Frank indicated will continue to happen.

There was also discussion regarding where this line would cross the river and Frank believes that this will happen down by the Lake Pauline Bridge.

There was discussion regarding the implementation of Act 148. There is whole new system which includes the new garbage bags which you get 52 bags with your \$10 permit. Those bags hold the approximate amount in 4 normal kitchen bags. You can also go across the scales and pay \$.05 per pound. The mandatory recycling went into effect on July 1 which includes paper, plastic bottles, glass, etc. In 2016 everyone will also have to compost.

Tom Kelly reported that the State allows for beach clean up as long as it does not occur with machinery. He reported that he uses filter fabric to remove sediment from his swimming area. He also reported that Mischa Cetner indicated that the membership can lower the lake for not more than 3 days. Tom reported that the Town can apply for a permit to lower the lake in the spring and the fall. He also reported that the gate at the dam works fine. The board will discuss this issue at a later time and perhaps send out a survey to membership to gauge interest.

New Business

Election of Board Members: Marty reported that Mary Rita, Ann and Frank's terms are up. They have been nominated for re-election. Marty called for any new nominations on the floor for which there were none.

Marie Hassen made a motion to accept the nominations as presented and Kevin Golmont seconded the nominations. The motion passed with all in favor.

Miscellaneous: Marie Hassen inquired as to whether or not there was a noise ordinance in Ludlow. There is not a noise ordinance in Ludlow and the board suggested that members contact the police with issues.

Tom Kelly reported that owners have been placing sand in the beach areas. He reported that homeowners can place sand in the lake with a permit from the state.

louie Gabranski reported that Slack's pasture cove contains a lot of floats and buoys, etc. Misha Cetner is willing to come and inspect the cove and address this if it impedes navigation. Louie also questioned why there is a no wake buoy at the beginning of the cove. The board recommend that owners direct their concern to Mischa Cetner who can include enforcement.

Louie Gabranski asked if you can pull Lily Pads. The board is not aware as to whether or not this is allowed.

Sue Fino expressed thanks to the board for all their work and information that they provide.

Adjournment: Marie Hassen made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Adam Greshin . The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.