

# Webster Lake Association

## Minutes of Annual Meeting of the WLA May 09, 2017

**Location:** Point Breeze Restaurant, Webster, MA 01570

**Attending:** All Welcome

### Proceedings

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Jason Piader

#### 1. Acceptance of Minutes from May 13, 2016

Motion to approve: Bob Craver

Motion to accept: Antoinette Dobosz

Vote in favor of motion: unanimous

#### 2. Treasurer's Report

Kathi Kelleher gave the treasurer's report.

#### 3. Announcements given by Jason Piader

- a. Nancy LaFramboise has been doing a fantastic job posting information on Facebook.
- b. Thanks to Steve Washburn for another successful Ice-Out. Ticket sales increased this year.
- c. WLA license plates are available this evening. Please take one.
- d. Jason Piader has been working very hard to get Clipper approved for yearly use on Webster Lake. He has been in communication with the head of the DEP of the state. He feels optimistic it will be approved at some point.
- e. The Sucker Brook Project will be completed this year.
- f. A reminder to lake residents who are near Sonar Treatment areas not to use water on their lawns.
- g. This year's Summer Kick Off will be on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. located at Point Breeze in Webster. There will be a buffet of meatballs and pasta, chicken, rice and salad. The cost is \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members. Membership can be purchased that evening. Tony Fuenches will be entertaining.
- j. The Golf Tournament will be on September 16<sup>th</sup> at Thompson Speedway. Contact Cathy Pokorny to volunteer.

k. Elections this year will be for the President and Secretary's job. Also, three Director positions will be up for election. Elections take place at the General Meeting in August at Point Breeze.

l. Ray Travis ran the Book-a Cruise and Senior Cruise. Jean Travis has the names of all those who participated. We are looking for someone to take charge of these two great PR events. Ray Travis will certainly be missed.

#### **4. Bald Eagle Update.**

Gloria Ricker gave the presentation on the family of bald eagles. Gloria Ricker has been observing the eagles. George and Martha have nested on Cobble Island. They have one eaglet.

#### **5. Janet Malser Humanities Trust Grant.**

Gloria Ricker explained both grants and where the money will go once received. Dave Nigro was not feeling well enough to make the presentations.

Dave Nigro wrote the grant proposal from the Malser grant and the WLA did receive it. Thank-you, Dave. The money from the grant will be used to open Susanne Point. Biomass has collected and is stopping the natural flow of water into the lake. The WLA will contribute \$5000.00 and the Malser grant contributes \$11,000.00 to the restoration of the area.

#### **6. MA DER Culvert Restoration /Replacement Grant Program.**

Dave Nigro became aware of this grant available for Massachusetts waterways. The Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Program is a new state-funded program that helps municipalities replace degraded and undersized culverts. Water flow from streams is blocked from coming into the lake. The money is used to open the blocked passage. There is an area around Waterfront Mary's that could use the grant. There is also a blockage near Fish n' Game. Dave is in the process of writing the proposal.

#### **7. Maintenance/Information about Lake Water Level/Old Cranston Print Works Dam.**

Paul Laframboise did a presentation on lake levels. He described streams coming into the lake. He had photos of the many gates letting water into the lake. The water levels are mandated by the Army Corp of Engineers. The water levels differ from summer to winter. The level of 497 is the elevation of the lake. It is 6 inches down in the summer and 12 inches down in the winter. It is lower in the winter due to possible ice damage. When more water is required, the gates are open and closed otherwise.

#### **8. Adjournment.**