

# Meeting Minutes

Lake Bomoseen Association, Inc.  
Board of Directors

Revised: 1/28/18

By: John Hale, Secretary

Date: January 10, 2018

Location: Castleton Community Center  
Rt. 4a, VT

Attending Board Members:

Bob Franzoni	Mark Miller
Collin Fingon	Gary Chapman
Bill Wood	George Davis
Terry Moran	John Hale

Absent Board Member(s):

Alan Rashes	Paul Collodi	Steve Bender
Davene Brown	Wenda Bird	John Casella
Luca Conte	Jay Sabataseo	Ed Patch

Also Attending:

Tom Tully

Guests: none

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- X The meeting was **called to order** by President Franzoni at 7:00 p.m. A Quorum was present.
  - X **Tom Tully was nominated for Board membership** by motion, second and unanimous passage.
  - X Secretary J. Hale presented the **Meeting Minutes for the October 26, 2017**, meeting which were approved as previously presented.

X Treasurer J. Hale presented the following reports of **financial condition**:

- \* **Net Worth** at 1/10/18 was \$146,921.
- \* **Income Statement for the six month Interim Period**<sup>1</sup> from 7/1/17 to 12/31/17 reflected a Net Cash Outflow of \$15,848 primarily due to the income of a Grant Received from the LBPT for \$10,350 and Membership Dues of \$2,022; plus Contributions Made of \$2,500 to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, two years' of support to North End Milfoil Management for \$3,000, Liability Insurance of \$1,351, renewed Lake Survey Software for \$1,850, and the final payments to Swamp Thing for \$19,175.
- \* **Income Statement** for the first ten days of the New Calendar Year: Income \$5,260 mostly dues and book sale to the Historical Society; Expense \$920 mostly printing of Harvest outreach.
- \* Over all payments to **Swamp Thing** were **\$29,500** as contracted.
- \* The Fundraising Committee **Holiday Appeal for Map Donations** generated 19 reservations and nine actual donations to the LBPT totaling \$1,056.
- \* Note: Subsequent to this Meeting, LBPT Treasurer Steve Moskowitz reported that the **LBPT Balance Sheet** reflected a cash balance of \$118,928.60 at 12/31/17.
- \* J. Hale reported on his efforts to promote more **Community Policing on the Lake**:
  - \* Following the Board's vote to support the Indian Point Group's three point initiative of Education, Rule Change, and Policing, John pursued the policing element as most likely successful.
  - \* John's Plan is to petition the State Budget process for a \$20,000 line item specifically earmarked for the State Police, Marine Division to contract with the Town of Castleton Police Department to patrol the Lake on weekend and holiday afternoons from noon to 5:00 p.m. as recommended by the Indian Point Group. This would be a Lake-wide patrol and is similar to the existing State contract with the Town for policing of the Bomoseen State Park.

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<sup>1</sup>The Board approved a change in the Bylaws ARTICLE II., Section 3. Fiscal Year, from a fiscal year ending on June 30<sup>th</sup> to a calendar year accounting period at the June 15, 2017 Board Meeting as authorized in the Bylaws ARTICLE VI., AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS.

**Community Policing (Cont.)**

- \* Captain Mantello of the Castleton Police Department quoted about \$50 per man hour for the service envisioned with a two officer patrol for a total possible contract of about \$16,000. He confirmed that existing personnel could handle the job without new hiring.
- \* In the course of conversations with the Marine Division Commander Carbo, he offered an 18 foot Lund boat with a 60 HP motor to the Town under a program allowing State assets purchased with Federal funding to be lent to other Vermont police agencies. The loan would be subject to a contract requiring the Town to insure and maintain the equipment. The contract could be canceled on one month's notice.

John reported an insurance quote from the Association's insurance agent of about \$700 per year for insurance of such a boat, motor and trailer.

John sees this as a positive first step toward the State Budget discussions: if equipment is already in hand, the money request is less and so more likely to be approved.

- \* John reported success in enlisting Representative Bob Helm's support for the Plan; both with the Castleton Select Board and the State Budget process. Senator Peg Flory has also been supportive.

- \* In reviewing this Plan, **the Board voiced concerns:**

- \* Should the LBA attach its name to more police on the Lake; Isn't less government in our lives better; There is no guarantee of funding, much less continuing funding, even if the boat were accepted; Shouldn't the general membership have a say in this philosophical discussion.

- \* A motion was made that this question be addressed at the Annual Meeting in June for confirmation of intent before advancing any further with the Plan. The motion passed at a vote of six to three.

- \* **Summer Harvesting 2018** M. Miller reported that the initial response to date of those interested in Private Harvesting of their waterfront has resulted in 81 "cuts" either only in June or both June and August with an average front footage of 114 feet. Only two owners north of the Brady Bridge showed interest. These reservations are conditional Indications of Interest only.

**Summer Harvesting 2018 (cont.)**

Mark said he is negotiating with Aquatic Analysts' owner Larry Kovar about how to quote pricing which is the next step. President Franzoni said the Water Quality Committee/Harvest Committee should meet and decide more details: whether to take a deposit of how much; a contract wording; State Permit amendments; and final negotiations with AA.

Bill Wood noted that the LBA State Harvesting Permit is being modified to make Mark Miller the Responsible Person and Decision Maker and to add Aquatic Analysts as an operator.

- \* President F. reported that the 2018 **Annual Meeting** will be held on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the University auditorium.
- \* President F. said that both State ANR contacts Ethan Swift and Josh Mulhollem have been promoted to other duties leaving the **Lake Implementation Plan** in limbo. Bob will form a committee to advance the completion of the Plan.
- \* President F. reported on the proposed **Greeter Grant Budget** for 2018: \$23,800 of expenses to run the program this summer and \$7,600 of In-Kind services to support the grant request. All preliminary State reviews indicate this Budget will be accepted.
- \* President F. reported that the Town of Castleton has voted to support the **4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee** with a \$950 earmark. The Committee plans to hold fund-raisers for the effort at the Lake Bomoseen Taproom. Note: The LBA \$2,500 2018 donation has been made.
- \* President F. reported that the **Membership Packet** will go out shortly including a cover letter, a membership application form and another letter outlining the summer private harvest activities.
- \* President F. proposed establishing a **ByLaws Change Committee** to address various inconsistencies and clarifications. John H. and Terry M. volunteered.
- \* The Board approved the annual membership dues of \$60 (?) for the **Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds** (FOVLAP).
- \* President F. is managing the **website**. Mark M. has some suggestions. A **U-Tube account** has been opened.

\* The meeting was **adjourned** at about 9:00 p.m.

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