

2013-14 Board Meetings

Officers

President: Dave Santoro

Vice President: Christy Kelly

Treasurer: Cathy Nelson

Tax Collector: Dave Gendreau

Secretary: Lee Matson

Directors: Tom Sholly, Penny McComiskey, Dan Tennant, Wayne Handfield

Board meetings were held on: June 6, 2013, July 6, 2013, August 2, 2013, April 28, 2014, May 10, 2014

There was a Chronicle news article on fanwort on September 30, 2013

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**Minutes: LWBA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Date: June 6, 2013 Time: 9:00 AM Place: 256 Lake Williams Dr.**

In attendance: Dave Santoro, Lee Matson, Cathy Nelson, Wayne Handfield, Penny McComiskey  
Guests: Dave Sorenson

Meeting called to order at 9:01 AM.

A) Approval of Agenda

Meeting to meet and greet new members.

B) Reports:

1) Treasurer-there are a few bills to be paid.

Dave Santoro needs to go to the bank to get signature power.

Lee and Cathy are the keepers of the P.O. Box keys.

2) Tax Collector-none

3) Beach and Properties

a) Cleaning up the Acre—we should try to get more trees cut down. Can we get some power up there for lights?

b) Beach 2: still debating on whether to get sand or peastone. Can we hire someone internally to beautify it? Sand option could hurt the boat launch. If we keep it to a ton and only place it on the beach, it should be ok.

c) Idea: solicit members to be part of an informal watch group for the neighborhood.

d) Dave is going to put up a sign that Christy bought: "Drive like your kids live here."

4) Annual Picnic Committee-

There will be picnic tables and garbage barrels.

Still on July 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00

5) Encroachment Options Information Committee.

No report.

6) Website Committee.

Lee has access to the web page. She will explore it during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of June.

D) Old Business:

1) Fan Wort payment research.

a) find and hire a lawyer. We will probably go with the person Dave G. already consulted.

2) New Bylaws from Annual Meeting

a) Cathy typed them up the by-laws with the new amendments.

by Lee will post the new by-laws so they will be legal.

3) We have to collect the Board of Directors notebooks from the former Board members. Lee will email them.

E) New Business

1) We need a new sign for Beach 3. Penny will look into costs.

2) Police Presence: Lee will send a letter to the res. state trooper and Lebanon Constable asking if they can drive down here more often.

E) Any other business to come before the Board.

Next meeting will be on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM at first beach.

F) Member Participation.

None.

G) Adjourn.

General consensus to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Matson

Secretary,

Lake Williams Beach Association

**Minutes: LWBA Board of Directors Meeting**

**Date: July 6, 2013 Time: 9:00 AM Place: First Beach**

In attendance: Dave Santoro, Dan Tennant, Lee Matson, Cathy Nelson, Wayne Handfield, Tom Sholly

Guests: None

Meeting called to order at 9:07 AM.

A) Approval of Agenda-passed unanimously

B) Approval of June 6<sup>th</sup> minutes-passed unanimously

C) Reports:

1) Treasurer- 2 deposits in June, Tax bills just went out, paid insurance and taxes, and seasonal beach maintenance.

2) Tax Collector-tax bills went out and new combination number is out, lock will be changed on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

3) Beach and Properties-none, beaches are being maintained. Picnic tables have been moved around.

Dan will check into getting sand. Getting rid of the barrel garbage cans and getting yucky barrel out of 2<sup>nd</sup> beach.

Dan put concrete blocks near dock to use as steps.

4) Annual Picnic Committee-porto potty at 1st beach is there for the season. Looks like Christy has everything under control. Checks will be paid out tomorrow.

5) Encroachment Options Information Committee- Lawyer is writing up papers. When they are finished, Tom will review them. There is progress.

6) Website Committee-Lee has gotten on the website and is working to make updates. She and Cathy will get together to make more updates.

D) Old Business:

1) Fan Wort payment research. Dave G. is talking to a lawyer and will hopefully have an answer soon.

2) New Bylaws from Annual Meeting-new bylaws are now in effect.

3) Board of Directors notebooks—Cathy is passing out updates for the notebooks. Dan and Wayne have notebooks. We don't know if Penny has Dawn's old book or not.

4) New sign for Beach 3-Penny is working on it. She got a quote for \$30.

5) Request for Police Presence-Lee sent an email.

E) New Business

1) New Sign for 1<sup>st</sup> beach: There have been some trespassing, especially on 1<sup>st</sup> beach. We need to figure out the best way to word it that guests need to be accompanied by members.

2) Acre refirb—Cutting down some brush and trees. Making a horseshoe pit perhaps? Wayne will ask around

F) Any other business to come before the Board.

Meeting next month August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 AM primary purpose to get responses from lawyer.

G) Member Participation -none

H) Adjourn at 9:36

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Matson

Secretary,

Lake Williams Beach Association

In attendance: Dave Santoro, Wayne Handfield, Dan Tennant, Cathy Nelson, Christy Kelly, Lee Matson.

Guests: Bob Hathaway, Dave Sorenson, Ron and Delores Steinhilber

Meeting called to order at 4:00.

A) **Approval of Agenda:** Christy motion to approve, Dan 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously.

B) **Approval of July 6<sup>th</sup> minutes:** Cathy motion to approve, Christy 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously.

C) **Reports:**

1) *Treasurer*-Cathy has been making deposits: Paid insurance, picnic expenses.

Bills to be paid: tax collection expenses, signs, trash barrels.

Porto Potty bills: didn't follow proper budget procedure; where is the money coming from? (beach and property maintenance)

Trash Barrels-need to be paid for from B & P, board of Directors & Tax collection.

2) *Tax Collector*-none

3) *Beach and Properties*-Potty was moved this week to second beach; no one knows why. Christy called, but they were closed. She will call to get it moved back to first beach. We should have a discussion about whether is worthwhile for next season.

Dave San. will be taking care of bags and trash.

Sand-postpone to June of next year to save money to pay for the potty.

Trimming of Grass-there was tall grass, but it got weed whacked recently.

4) *Annual Picnic Committee*-It was a great party planned by Christy, but it was over budget.

There are some crafts left. Christy suggested that we have a September craft afternoon.

5) *Encroachment Options Information Committee*-

Easement Review: In reviewing the easement agreement—we had said there would be a permanent easement, but the agreement said it would only be to Sholly until the property was sold.

Was there a legal reason for that change? We need to find out and also see what Tom S. says about it.

6) *Website Committee*—Still in progress. Bylaws are in there, but we couldn't get it on line. We are working on it little by little. Contact info needs to be updated. July 6<sup>th</sup> minutes are on.

D) **Old Business:**

1) *Fan Wort payment research*--

The LWBA cannot donate money to the Friends of Lake Williams.

For this year the treatment is paid for. The Friends cannot continue to do this.

Still to find out: Can we pay for water treatment? Is the town getting money from the state & fed which is not being allocated properly? We are going to look into it.

3) *Board of Directors notebooks*— Still don't know if Penny has hers. Lee will email her about that.

**E) New Business :**

1) *Insurance policy*—We renewed the insurance policy and have received the certificate. Lee is taking the paper copy of the policy.

**F) Any other business to come before the Board:**

1) *Next meeting* is TBA. Lee will email & post the date when it is decided.

2) *Drawdown* There is going to be discussion about a drawdown for this winter. Did it go down too early? not far enough?

It helped a little, but not as much as was hoped. Idea: talk to Columbia about how they do there drawdown.

G) **Member Participation** – Ron S. noting that many non-members are using 2<sup>nd</sup> beach. What can we do? There is little police presence. A constable would have to be bonded & trained. Liability insurance is necessary. A professional police officer could be made a town constable. Idea: getting in with the other lake associations in town to share expenses.

Bob: potty we have it for 3 months, pumped once a week. \$300. During the winter we can call a couple of places to get prices.

Delores: A sign at Amston Lake says that Lollipop beach says closed at sunset. Why can't we have a sign like that? It needs to be addressed at the annual meeting. Can we have the same day clean up as the Friends cleaning the lake?

The Board has the authority to make the decision about the easement.

We should post the fall clean up by Labor Day.

Should it be mandatory that boats be chained to trees?

H) Adjourn ~ 5:15 PM. (secretary left).

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Matson  
Secretary,  
Lake Williams Beach Association

**Minutes: LWBA Board of Directors Meeting**

April 26, 2014

**Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014 Time 9:30 AM Place: First Beach-moved to the Acre due to rain**

Meeting called to order at 9:35 AM

Attendance

Board: Dave Santoro, Dave Gendreau, Dan Tennant, Wayne Handfield, Lee Matson  
Members: Ryk Nelson, Jane Erway, Phil Godek

- A) Approval of Agenda: Add budget discussion as c) under annual meeting and tables as c) under beach and properties.  
Move to approve agenda with amendments Dave G., second Dan T.  
Passed unanimously.
- B) Approval of Minutes from last meeting August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013: deferred to May meeting because Lee didn't bring them.
- C) Reports:

1) Treasurer: (presented by Ryk for Cathy)  
Checking account \$8680.24  
Savings account \$4570.44  
Insurance and stipends paid.  
We need to appoint auditors for the 2013-14 year. We will ask Russ Take and Sharon Miller so they can start right after the books close on May 1<sup>st</sup> if they accept.  
Treasurer recommended consolidating the two accounts. This idea will be put on the agenda for the annual meeting.

2) Tax Collector:  
We had a good tax season this year. Although there were the usual non-payment issues, we did collect an outstanding bill. Should we send a bill to the bank about 108 Lake Williams Dr.?

3) Beach and Properties:  
Dan said thanks for the clean-up help on April 12.  
a) Sand: We will be re-sanding all the beaches. Dave and Liza Santoro will be donating the sand to beach 1.  
Dan is going to get quotes for sand delivery. We are going to need moving equipment for the sand on Beach 2 and 3.

Problem: On Beach 2, the sand is moving from the beach to the creek and it's making the boat launch shallow. Town permits will be required to move sand.  
Should we put pea stone on beach 2? It can hurt feet.

b) Beach maintenance-clean and trim.  
We are looking for a person inside the association to keep the beaches maintained. If no one does it then we will have to hire a professional landscaper.

c) Tables: There are three pretty good tables at Beach 1.  
Two pretty good at Beach 2.  
None at beach three. The tables at the Acre are shot.  
Dan is going to price out tables.

4) Annual Picnic Committee: No report



E) New Business:

1) Do we have any reports to submit to the town or state? No, it hasn't been done in the past.

2) Do we need a by-law revision? This will be put on the agenda for the annual meeting.

3) Annual meeting

a) agenda:

Lee needs to put a notice on the bulletin boards about agenda items being due on May 12.

Item for agenda: Beach 1 and 3 will be closed from Dusk to Dawn.

b) proxy form: The proxy form has been revised. To avoid any conflict, there will be a membership roll call for each vote. Unsigned proxies will not be counted.

c) budget: Cathy is making a preliminary budget and finalizing numbers.

Dave will revise budget into an excel spread sheet.

The budget will be going out with the annual meeting agenda, tax report, and proxy form. All reports need to be in to go over before the mailing.

F) Any other business to come before the Board:

The friends of Lake Williams requested to use the Acre pavilion for their annual meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> and the president agreed.

G) Member Participation: None

H) Schedule next meeting and Adjourn.

Next meeting May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at the Acre.

Motion to adjourn: Lee Matson, Dan Tennant, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Matson, Secretary  
Lake Williams Beach Association

**Minutes for the LWBA Board of Directors Meeting**

**Date: Saturday, May 10, 2014 Time 9:30 AM Place: The Acre**

In attendance: Dave Santoro, Dave Gendreau, Dan Tennant, Penny McCominsky, Lee Matson, Cathy Nelson, Tom Sholly  
Members: Jane Erway

Call to order at 9:30 AM

A) Approval of Agenda: motion to accept made by Dave Gendreau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Tennant. Passed unanimously.

B) Approval of Minutes from August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. Motion to accept made by Dave Gendreau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Tennant. Passed unanimously

Approval of minutes from April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Fix Take to Tait. Motion to accept made by Dave Gendreau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Tennant. Passed unanimously with Cathy Nelson abstaining.

C) Reports

1) Treasurer: \$8188.54 in checking  
\$ 4880.64 in savings

Cathy just picked up the latest statement. The only outstanding checks are those for the auditors.

Motion made by Dave Gendreau to combine the two accounts into only a checking account. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Penny M.

Discussion: There is nothing in the charter that says we need 2 accounts. The bank charges for inactivity and it is difficult to get there in the winter. Two signatures are still required to cash any checks.

Passed Unanimously.

2) Tax Collector: We have 128 taxable properties, but that may change if the town combines some adjacent lots. Dave G. will check with the town appraiser. This change does not affect the budget for this year.

A total of \$8,286.50 was collected in taxes and late fees. This represents 109 taxable properties paid in full.

	7/1/13 - 6/30/14 Member Tax	\$ 7,140.00
Past Due Amounts		\$ 925.00
	Interest	\$ 221.50
	<b>Breakdown of Total Amount Collected</b>	<b>\$ 8,286.50</b>

**Outstanding Taxes Due**

There are currently nineteen (19) taxable properties which represent fourteen (14) owners. The total amount outstanding is \$ 4,489.52

3) Beach and Properties: Dan got sand prices. The best was \$300 for 12 yards including delivery and tax.

No one is hired for lawn mowing yet.

Is there anyone interested in volunteering to mow a beach that they use? Can we come up with a master schedule?

Dan is planning to buy two more picnic tables—good ones.

\$1500 in budget

4) Annual Picnic Committee: No report

D) Old Business:

1) Annual meeting

a) agenda items (due May 12)

review for agenda items\Positions for President, Secretary and Two Board positions are up. Lee will announce this on the bulletin board and in email.

Lee will email updated agenda and proxy form to the board for a final review before mailing out to the membership

b) proxy form revision—minor grammatical errors fixed.

c) mailing: Dave Gendreau gave Lee addressed envelopes for the mailing. Thanks!

The list is the latest from the town.

Mailing will go out by May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Two weeks before the meeting.

E) New Business:

1) Review of Lawyer's opinion about paying for milfoil.

We have two letters from two different lawyers with opposing views about the LWBA's ability to pay for milfoil treatment. This issue will go on the agenda. Copies of the letters will be available at the annual meeting.

The payment from the town is not a line item in the budget, but it is included somewhere else.

2) Emailing Joyce about street lights in neighborhood.

At the town meeting the first selectman said that the town would resume paying for street lights that they turned off several years ago. Lee will email Joyce asking what the procedure is. Street lights will be on the agenda for the annual meeting.

F) Any other business to come before the Board:

- There is no more Flood and Erosion Board for the town.
- Budget and Tax rate: Let's bump up the Beach and Properties budget to \$3000 so we can get nice picnic tables that will last and be difficult to steal.

Tennant made a motion to accept the amended budget to \$10,900 and leave the member tax rate at \$65.00

G) Member The great website that Jim Smith set up for the LWBA has proven too difficult to maintain for Lee and Cathy We are going to ask Jim to take it down. Cathy is looking into an easier way to be online such as wordpress, another website software.

Participation:

Jane asked about the prices for sand. She wanted to make sure that transportation and tax were included.

Dan got a good price.

H) Schedule next meeting and Adjourn.

The next meeting is the annual meeting, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. It begins at 1:00 at The acre.

Adjourn at 10:43 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Matson, Secretary  
Lake Williams Beach Association

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Lake Williams

# Invasive weeds and plants in crosshairs

By JONATHAN  
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LEBANON — In an effort to combat invasive plants at Lake Williams, the board of selectmen has unanimously decided to approve the drawdown of the lake for the winter months.

The invasive aquatic plants include variable leaf milfoil and fanwort, which have town officials and lake-goers worried about recreation on the lake.

A draw-down was approved last November, but didn't give enough time for water levels to drop enough to have a more significant effect on the invasive plants, Friends of Lake Williams President Ryk Nelson told selectmen.

"We started so late last year, that it never reached the approved 3 feet," he said, adding the lake froze before more water could be let out.

Friends of Lake Williams, a non-profit group, is an organization dedicated to preserving the lake.

The full board of selectmen unanimously approved the draw-down "up to 5 feet" with approval needed from the state's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

No set timeline has been set up to begin the draw-down, as of yet.

To do the draw-down, local officials will open up the dam off Route 207 and release water.

Okonuk said the public works department will be in charge of the dam.

Fanwort, a submerged invasive aquatic plant, can form dense mats at the water surface.

A highly competitive plant, fanwort is capable of rapid growth and spread, which hampers recreational uses, reduces real estate values, diminishes aesthetic values and decreases water quality.

Drawdowns serve to stress plants and, with lower water levels, dry them out and could ultimately affect the plant's vascular structure, with the intent to kill them.

Nelson said new chemical treatments at the lake helped to "knock down" the invasive plants, but the lake has seen "25 percent" more invasive weeds and plants overall.

"We want another attempt at a great draw-down this year," he said, adding the Friends group would save "an awful lot of money" if the drawdown is more effective this year.

The group regularly funds chemical operations against the lake weeds, with \$8,000 spent in the past year alone.

Lebanon First Selectman Joyce Okonuk said she received "tremendous feedback" on the reduction of weeds from the chemical treatments.

She said her "major concern" is the refill of the lake.

"There's a fine line that we have to walk here," she said, on the 5-foot drawdown.

Nelson was quick to point out to Okonuk and selectmen, that the lake "fills up quickly" and, overall, has done well with rains and snow melts.

Nelson said the FLW asked the selectmen for a 5-foot drawdown, with an anticipation of DEEP approving 4 feet.

"This is not a yearly thing," he said. "We just need to find out if it works. Chemical prices go up yearly."

Okonuk agreed. "This is the healthier option," she said. "I don't think one year is a good test."

On a timeline for the draw-down, Nelson said he would get in touch with DEEP, as well as send the notice out to lake-goers to get their boats out of the waters.