

2002-2003 part 2

A meeting of the L.W.B.A. Board of Directors was held on Saturday, July 27th, 2002 (place - First Beach). President Bob Hathaway, called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.

Board members in attendance: Bob Hathaway, Jane Sleath, Joe O'Keefe and Mary Anderson. Absent: Gil Koss, Philip Godeck, Sr., April Schulze, Lenny Swanson, Dave Sorenson (away on vacation).

AGENDA:

- 1 Secretary's Report - Tabled reading of minutes until the next meeting when more members can be present.**
- 2 Treasurer's Report - Dave Sorenson is away on vacation. He reported to the President that to date a little over 50% of the members have paid their taxes.**
- 3 Tax Collector's Report - Gil Koss not present.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PICNIC - Date Saturday, August 3rd 12:30 - 3:00 - Third Beach

Jane Sleath reported that there seem to be fewer workers this year and we are just going to be casual. It was suggested that we ask the people next to 3rd Beach if we could use their electricity. Games - would be the same as last year (pie eating, balloon throwing, limbo, etc.)

Discussion: when is the best time to hold the picnic and tag sale. Jane Sleath suggested that we should do a survey of members asking: Would they like a tag sale and if so, when would be the best time, last week in June, 1st week in July. Also, would they like a picnic - when would be the best time, beginning of August or the end of August.

TAG SALE: not certain as to the status. It was suggested that we might want to go back to having them every other year.

Hathaway reported that several people have come to him with issues, some of which are on-going: 1) the horses from the riding stables on Leonard's Bridge Road, 2) use of campers, house trailers on lots, 3) law enforcement and people having problems with neighbors 4) use of Port-a-potties.

HORSES: Phil Godeck has complained that the riding academy is still using the lake area. Anderson said that she has observed the horses going by on the road a number of times but it appears they come up from down the road and are no longer using the association property as a pass through.

Discussion: Hathaway - In that it does not involve trespass on Association property, no action of any kind can or should be taken on behalf of the association by any officer or member. Legally, they are within their right to use the road and any pass through on an individual members personal property if that member has given permission.

Board members present were in full agreement.

CAMPERS and HOME TRAILORS: Hathaway reported that Barry and Judy (The Walwyn Residence) had come to him regarding an individual who made inquiries about placing a camper/home trailer for the summer months on the back lot located across from their home. (The same individual later called Hathaway with regard to the same and also inquired about mooring rights for boats off association property).

Campers - Hathaway said he went to Andrews and Sadosky (Town Zoning & Enforcement). He was told that zoning allows for a 30-day stay while one is building a house.

Mooring of Boats - Hathaway said he advised that this was beyond the jurisdiction of the LWBA - (jurisdiction stops at waters edge). The town holds water rights and such questions would need to be addressed through the town.

It was agreed that it be recommended that the LWBA adopt zoning ordinances to prohibit: 1) farm animals such as horses and horses; 2) the parking overnight of trailers/campers/motor homes, and 3) port-a-potty's - except at special daylong function with removal immediately thereafter.

Anderson said that these items had been discussed at previous By-Law Revision Committee Meetings and suggested for recommendation.

LAW ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS - Neighbor disruptions and problems: Hathaway reported that members who were having problems with neighbors came to him seeking association intervention. He advised that private matters were not something in which the association should become involved and that these should be handled on an individual basis. If group action should be needed, a group of lake area residents could ban together if they so desire to form something similar to a block watch - and they can on their own met and work with the state police on matters relative to the same. But again, this should be done as a private rather than association matter.

Hathaway reported that First Selectman Dan McGuire had spoken to him recently with regard to garbage being dumped every Sunday night at the town owned barrels located on Rt 207 and suggested that perhaps the association might want to sent out a notice to the membership saying that should this dumping persist arrests will be made. The impression was given that it might be someone from within our area (they do have a license plate number). After discussion it was agreed that, even if the offender lives within the district, this is a town not an association matter and no notice should be sent.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Hathaway said that due to lack of interest he is not planning to make any new appointments this year. He is hoping to keep the same appointments as last. However, because we lack a full board - Hathaway recommended that this item be carried over to the next board meeting.

It was suggested that the next meeting of the association's board of directors be held at the Community Center in Lebanon if it is available. It is more conducive to meeting (weather, comfort, etc.) and as indicated by the attendance at today's meeting - holding a meeting on association property doesn't really encourage more membership participation. In fact, meetings held at town facilities have received much better participation.

Hathaway said several members again asked that a constable be on duty at the annual meetings. The matter was discussed and it was the opinion of those present that this was not necessary. If needed, perhaps a Sergeant-at-arms could be appointed.

MAIL BOX - Jane Sleath said she still had not received a key to the mailbox from Gil Koss. Koss will again be approached about furnishing Jane with a key so that she can routinely go and check the mail and see that the mail is properly dispersed.

Hathaway suggested that a meeting of the Board of Directors be tentatively scheduled for the 10th of August at 10:00 a.m. - at the community center if possible.

With no further business to come before the board, Anderson made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by O'Keefe. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

*Mary Anderson
Secretary*

A meeting of The LWBA Board of Directors was called to order at 10:12 a.m. on Saturday, August 10th, 2002 at the Lebanon Community Center, Rt 87, and Lebanon.

Board Members in Attendance: Joe O'Keefe, Lenny Swanson, and David H. Sorenson, Bob Hathaway, Mary Anderson. Also in attendance: Ron Steinhilber.

Board members absent: Jane Sleath, April Schulze, Gil Koss, Philip Godeck, Sr.

The secretary read the minutes of the April 22, 2002 meeting.

Revisions:

Under Tax Collector's Report - Motion By Dave Sorenson to remove the phrase "Expects to collect without a problem".

2nd - Anderson. Motion carried (unanimous vote).

Under those present - Doris Steinhilber should read Delores Steinhilber.

Bottom of the 1st page (town vs. lake residents) should read town vs. Lake Williams Beach Association.

Motion to accept as amended by Sorenson. 2nd O'Keefe. Motion carried (unanimous vote).

The secretary read the minutes of the July 27th Board Meeting.

Revisions:

1st page - Reverse the Treasure's Report and the Tax Collector's report.

2nd page - 2nd from last paragraph, line - last word horses should be changed to chickens.

3rd page - 1st paragraph - third from last line change met to meet.

3rd page - 2nd paragraph - fourth line - change sent to send.

Motion to accept as amended by Hathaway. 2nd Swanson. Motion carried (unanimous vote).

Treasurer's Report - Gil Koss absent - no report

Tax Collector's report (see attached) - Dave Sorenson reported that as of August 10th, \$4,647.56 had been transferred to the Treasurer, with a \$40 check still to be transferred. Presently \$913.60 remains uncollected - 16 taxes unpaid (23 lot units)

Sorenson reported that we are moving toward liens. Koss has been working him doing research with the tax collectors office so that procedures can take place in an orderly manner.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Anderson.

2nd - O'Keefe. Motion carried (unanimous vote).

Bob Hathaway commended Sorenson on a job well done and on the professionalism of his reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

Per the directive of the Board at the April 22nd meeting a letter had been sent to Dan McGuire, 1st Selectman, Lebanon regarding ownership of the cove area on 2nd Beach (see attached).

McGuire called Hathaway - saying that the survey line seems to have disappeared off the map. McGuire will research the records and hopes to come down to the lake to look at the area in question. Hathaway said that when McGuire sets a date to come to the lake - board members would be notified by email in the event that they might want to be present.

Hathaway said he regretted that a meeting had not been held at the end of June/ beginning of July - but he had become bogged down looking into issues relative to complaints by members.

Phil Godeck and the horse problem - Found that horses are entering the lake area through the lot that Pigan owns next to Russell's and Harry's property at the end of the road. To the best of our knowledge association property is no longer being used for that purpose. Godeck has had a confrontation with the woman who owns the riding stables and she has threatened a lawsuit for harassment. Hathaway again reiterated that since our property is not being used this is not an association issue and that the board should take no action.

Another problem deals with law enforcement. Some people are having with their neighbors. This too is an issue in which the association should not get involved. We do not provide law enforcement. Aggrieved individual should call Officer Maynard, the Resident State Trooper or the Colchester Barracks.

A letter (from Phil Godeck) tending his resignation from the Board of Directors was presented to the board for consideration.

Sorenson made a motion to accept the resignation with reluctance. 2nd Lenny Swanson. Motion carried (unanimous vote).

Hathaway stated that Lenny Pomerleau had expressed interest in serving on the board and he felt Pomerleau would be a good choice in that it would provide a good distribution on representation on the board from one end of the lake to the other. (O'Keefe, Swanson, Koss, Schulze, Hathaway, Sleath, Anderson, Sorenson and Pomerleau

Motion by Swanson to place the name of Lenny Pomerleau in nomination to fill the vacancy made by Godeck's resignation. 2nd Joe O'Keefe. Motion carried (unanimous vote).

BYLAWS AND ORDINANCES

Hathaway stated that in the past few weeks he had spent some time with Officer Maynard talking on this subject. Maynard reiterated that the authority to issue tickets and for enforcement is in the ordinances – not bylaws. Hathaway stated that there are at least two issues that he can think of off hand that would require ordinances.

1) Trailers and motor homes being placed on empty lots. Town zoning presently says that you can only have a trailer for 30 days when you are building a house – but the interpretation seems to periodically change depending on whom you talk to. We should have our own Ordinance to reinforce the law.

2) The disallowance of certain animals such as horses and chickens on association property.

Anderson provided board members with a copy of a report prepared by the Office of Legislative Search which was done a couple of years regarding the charter of LWBA and bylaws and ordinances (attached) which clarifies the associations ability to adopt ordinances.

It was decided that a meeting of the Board would be called for next Saturday, August 17th, 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center for the purpose of reviewing recommended revisions which came about as a result of meetings held by the Bylaw Revision Committee – and to take a vote of the board on recommending changes to be presented to the full membership for consideration and approval.

Discussion - Post Office Box

Because we have information that 6 keys exist for the present post office box and because we can't account for only 1 or 2 of those keys, it was moved by Lenny Swanson that for purpose of security we change the lock on the post office box.

2nd – Joe O'Keefe Motion carried (unanimous vote).

Dave Sorenson moved that keys to the post office box be held by the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Association.

2nd – Joe O'Keefe. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

The President made the following recommendations for committee appointments:

Law and Order

Mary Anderson (Chair), Lenny Swanson (Liaison to the Board), Bob Hathaway, Joe O'Keefe, Dave Sorenson

Health & Sanitation

Dixie Sorenson (Chair), Joe O'Keefe (Liaison to the Board), Karl Braun, Stanley Gieurla, Lenny Swanson

Tag Sale

The Moorcroft's (Co-chairs), Jane Sleath, Bob Hathaway, Chris Swanson

Picnic

Jane Sleath, Dorothy Gieurla, Nancy Viccaro, Mary Anderson, Betty Hathaway, Chris Swanson

Finance

Gil Koss (chair), Dave Sorenson (Liaison to the Board) Kent Sleath and April Schulze

Beach and Property

Ron Steinhilber (Chair), Dave Sorenson (Liaison to the Board) Dave Schulze, Jim Viccaro, Lenny Pomerleau

Anderson made a motion that the list of names as presented by President Hathaway be accepted. 2nd - Lenny Swanson
Motion carried (unanimous vote).

Picnic Report - While there were no hard numbers at this point, it is estimated that the cost of the picnic was roughly \$25.

Decided to look into doing a fall newsletter.

With no other business to come before the board, Dave Sorenson made a motion to adjourn. 2nd - Lenny Swanson. Motion carried (unanimous vote). Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anderson

Mary Anderson
Secretary LWBA

A meeting of the L.W.B.A. Board of Directors was held on August 17th, 2002 at the Lebanon Community Center (Rt 87, Lebanon).

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m., President Robert Hathaway presiding. Board members in attendance were: Jane Sleath, Lenny Swanson, Joe O'Keefe, Leonard "Lenny" Pomerleau, Dave Sorenson, Bob Hathaway and Mary Anderson. Board members absent: Gil Koss and April Schulze.

Association members present: Richard Krom, Stanley Gierula, Ronald G. Steinhilber, James Viccaro, Jane Erway, Betty Hathaway.

Former President Stanley Gierula administered the oath of office to newly appointed board member Leonard "Lenny" Pomerleau.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Clearing of lot at the foot of the acre will be done sometime this fall.

2)) Bob Hathaway spoke to the issues of Bylaws and Ordinances (the purposes for which this meeting of the Board of Directors was called).

Hathaway spoke about the need to adopt Ordinances in addition to Bylaws if we are to put teeth into the laws governing the association when it comes to enforcement. This was stressed time and time again by law enforcement officials in meetings held with Law and Order Committee members and State Trooper Maynard and subsequent meetings between himself and Maynard and past constables on the lake such as Phil Godeck who had problems with enforcement because of the use of the words bylaws even though our charter as written makes no distinction between the two and both are equally as enforceable. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Jane Sleath that the Board of Directors adopt ordinances on enforcement issues and bylaws on house keeping matters to be presented to the membership for consideration and passage at a special general membership meeting of the L.W.B.A. called for said purpose. 2nd Lenny Swanson Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mary Anderson, Chair of the By-law Revision Committee, presented to the board for their consideration the recommendations (attached) that were forth coming from open meetings with the membership that the committee held. The board did a line-by-line review.

RECOMMENDED:

BY-LAWS:

Page 1 (Agenda) 2nd line - strike from "and the order of the call"to end of the line.

Now reads: "An agenda shall act as the format for all meetings of the Lake Williams Beach Association".

Same section: 2nd paragraph - end of line after the words for ... insert "the annual"

Now reads: "Anyone wishing to have an item placed on the agenda for the annual meeting shall present such request in writing to the president and the secretary twenty (20) days prior to said meeting."

Page 2 - last paragraph - 4th line - 2nd paragraph - strike beginning with the words "for security reasons and" to the end.

Now reads: "A duplicate key to this cabinet shall also be given to the President of the Association or his/her designee in the event that the secretary is away. A key SHALL NOT be given to personal at town hall."

Page 3 - GRIEVANCES

Last time - change "3" to five (5) business days.

Now Reads: "A meeting to hear the grievance shall be called within thirty (30) days of receipt of the complaint and a written decision shall be rendered by the board and sent to the aggrieved party by certified mail within five (5) days of said meeting."

Page 4 - Under All Three Sections of BEACHES add a new section that reads

"All boats/canoes must be removed from Beach November 1st through April 1st"
(Purpose: to allow for the cleaning and necessary repairs on beaches)

Page 4 - Move in its entirety shall to the Ordinance Section on the Use of Association Property.

RECOMMENDED ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE: Transient Mobile Homes

Section 3 - Prohibit Sites - End of line - strike from "No transient mobile home to the end."

Now reads: "No transient mobile home located on a lot within the territory known as the Lake Williams Beach Association shall at any time be used for temporary (recreational) or full time living purposes".

ORDINANCE: - Businesses
Recommend as written

ORDINANCE: - Non-Domestic Creatures
Recommend as written

ORDINANCE - Zoned - Residential Use
Recommend as written

ORDINANCE: - Trespass
Revision - Under Section - Fine established - lines 2 and 3 - strike the words - "not to exceed the sum of"
In line Line 4 - delete (\$250)

ORDINANCE - Use of Association Property

Revisions:

On Page 1. Strike Item #5 in its entirety

Item #10 - place a period after the word property and strike the words "or in the water"

Renumber sections accordingly.

TRANSFER TO THE SECTION ON ORDINANCES IN ITS ENTIRETY - page 3 of the recommendations ON BEACHES contained in the draft of the by-laws. There will now be a new section under ordinances. (1st - 2nd - 3rd Beach regulations).

FINES: It was decided that the Law and Order Committee would meet with Officer Maynard so that the town can stipulate the amount of fines.
? - Court Costs Hathaway will arrange the meeting.

Dave Sorenson made a motion that we move bylaws/ordinances to a special meeting of the general membership for approval. 2nd Lenny Pomerleau.
Motion - carried with unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Dave Sorenson that a special general meeting to consider revisions of bylaws and ordinances be held on either Sunday, September 29th or Sunday, October 6th at 1:00 p.m. at whichever town facility may be available for our use and to authorize an expenditure of not more than \$50 for the use of the facility if necessary. 2nd Joe O'Keefe. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Anderson recommended that a mailing of the recommendations as approved by the board be sent to the general membership. Motion to do so made by Jane Sleath. 2nd by Anderson. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ron Steinhilber - Parking Permits.

Request that Parking Permits be made in various colors so he can change colors from year to year to ensure that people are using current permits.
Agreed

Hathaway suggested that Steinhilber also keep a logbook for tracking purposes.
Agreed

Hathaway expressed praise and thanks to Steinhilber for his outstanding work as Chairman of the Beach and Property Committee and to Dave Schulze for his work maintaining 1st beach. All concurred.

Meetings - Hathaway said that a couple of members have complained about meetings being held on Saturday mornings. The reason for holding meetings at this time are several: Sunday mornings are bad because many people go to

church, afternoons are generally family days with people getting company and Sunday evenings people need to get ready to go back to work on Monday. During the week, evenings for the most part are bad - we have two members of the board who work nights and most other people who work don't get home until 5 or 6 - it makes for a long day when you need to get up early the next morning to go to work. In addition, there are those who serve on other committees who also serve on various other boards and have other meetings they need to attend.

While no day is really convenient - Saturday's in the morning seems to be the most favorable time for the majority of members on the board - you can get business done and over with and then have the rest of the week end to do with as you please.

Agreed

Hathaway - two correspondence have been received both of which came from Jane Erway - posted August 13th and August 15th (see attached).

In that Ms. Erway was present at the meeting, the board took time to openly discuss and answer those questions posed by her in her correspondence. Anderson provided Erway with copies of the charter, its SA revision and validating act, and a copy of the bylaws that are presently in place.

Hathaway stated that members having a problem can send a letter or call him and if it is a matter that needs attention a meeting will be called.

With no further business to come before the meeting, Sorenson made a motion to adjourn at 12:24 p.m. 2nd - O'Keefe. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted.



Mary Anderson
Secretary L.W.B.A.

A Place To Call Her Own

By **ANDRE BOWSER**
COURANT STAFF WRITER

LEBANON — Ever fantasize of owning your own island?

Patricia Sutherland of Bridgeport did, and now she's the owner of Lake Williams Island, which she purchased last summer for about \$52,000.

CONNECTICUT

Sutherland started out looking for waterfront property when her real estate agent, asked her if she had anything against a "surrounding waterfront." She now has an application in town hall to change the name of the island to "Sutherland Rock."

The island is almost barren except for the stonework of an old smokehouse that burned in 1976 along with a house. Except for a few trees and thickets, two fishing sheds and the faint remains of the fire, there's not much to look at.

Sutherland said her vision for the island is to restore it to something like it was before the fire.

"It's going to be a retreat during the summer," Sutherland said, a getaway for her family and friends.

Anne Rubb, proprietor of The Spa at Grand Lake, which is on Route 207 near Sutherland's island, said the island was used by the previous owners of her spa.

"In the '70s, it was a kosher resort hotel," Rubb said. The resort would ferry guests out to the island, she said.

After the fire, the island lay dormant for close to 30 years.

Sutherland said little could have



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deterred her from purchasing one of the six islands on Lake Williams.

Sutherland's busy daily life as a teacher at Bassick High School in Bridgeport and an adjunct professor at Housatonic Community College led her to look for a place to spend her summers. The island, at 0.87 of an acre, turned out to be what she wanted.

"At first, I wanted a house on a lake," Sutherland said. "My Realtor — who is also my sister — called me one day and said that she found a place I had to see," Sutherland recalled. "I said, sure."

Marie Chaisson, of Monroe, who has been a real estate agent for more than 10 years, said she wasn't sure her sister would be interested in a "surrounding waterfront."

"She was looking for waterfront property, on the shore of a lake," Chaisson said.

The first drive to see the island property, Chaisson said, was dreamy as the passing scenery looked "American bucolic — to the hilt." But once on the island,

she and her sister had a rude awakening.

"It was burned, with debris everywhere," Chaisson said, "but it had this old stone cottage — just the stonework was left — and it looked like the perfect place to have afternoon cocktails."

Sutherland said she wants to keep the smokehouse, which was burned in the fire, but still stands. "Pretty much everything else can go," she said.

Her grand vision for the property includes a wine terrace, outdoor shower, quaint cabin and extensive landscaping. This month, she plans to start installing electricity on the island, along with running water and a well.

Making the island habitable requires going through town land-use boards, since the island falls under town planning and zoning authority. Assessor Joan LeBlond said officials had nearly forgotten about the island before Sutherland came along.

"We had some islands years ago and there was confusion over who owned them," LeBlond said.

Sutherland said she understands that with ownership comes responsibility, and she's applied for a hearing at town hall.

"I have to ... determine what the zoning rules are for the island," she said.

In early June, Sutherland plans to start her landscaping project. She hopes to enlist the help of local landscapers.

"Everything that burned to the ground close to 30 years ago is still there," Sutherland said. "When things are not going so well, I say, 'You own an island.'"

A meeting of the Lake Williams Beach Association Board of Directors was held May 10th, 2003 at the Lebanon Community Center. President Bob Hathaway called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Board members present: Gil Koss, April Schulze, Dave Sorenson, Joe O'Keefe, Jane Sleath, Mary Anderson, Bob Hathaway; also in attendance Ron Steinhilber and Dave Schulze. Absent: Leonard Pomerleau.

Hathaway spoke of the recent passing of Board Member Lenny Swanson and called for a moment of silence.

With Swanson's passing a vacancy has been created on the board. Hathaway made a motion that Ron Steinhilber's name be placed in nomination to fill the vacancy. 2nd - Jane Sleath. Passed with a unanimous vote.

Annual Meeting - Hathaway reported that in keeping with the mandate to provide handicapped accessibility for all - he went to the town and scheduled the Fire Safety Complex for the annual meeting on June 1st. at no cost to the association. He mentioned that in addition to others with medical problems and the elderly, this winter Jim Viccaro (who is an active member of the association) had two heart attacks, lost his eye sight and has problems walking).

A motion was made by Hathaway that the Fire Safety Complex be the place for this year's annual meeting. 2nd - O'Keefe. Passed with a unanimous vote.

Secretary Anderson read the minutes from the last Board of Directors Meeting, two communications that had been received from Jane Erway and the response to those communications.

Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Jane Sleath. 2nd - Dave Sorenson. Vote to accept unanimous.

Discussion followed on the contents of Erway's letters and her subsequent request at the last board meeting for policing in the area after an incident on first beach when her chair was thrown in the water by young girls who were guests of a member of the association while she went home with her grandchild for a brief period. Hathaway reiterated the comments made to the members of the Public Safety Committee and By-Law Revision Committee members by Officer Maynard. It was Maynard's contention that in order to respond to take action on complaints on privately owned property, such as that of Lake Williams Beach Association, ordinances would need to be in place with fines attached in order to make it worthwhile for the town to pursue the matter. It was agreed by other members who had been part of the talks with Officer Maynard that this was his

recommendations contrary to what transpired at the special meeting called for the purpose of reviewing the by-laws. April Schulze felt that as taxpayers in the town we are entitled to the same law enforcement as everyone else. It was recommended that individuals should check it out on their own.

Hathaway also reported that he had a lot of calls asking that the association be dissolved.

Treasure Koss gave his report as of May 8th (see attached).

Savings Account Balance \$7,214.74. Checking Balance \$548.73 and total cash available \$7,763.47. Motion to accept Anderson - 2nd O'Keefe - Vote to accept unanimous.

Tax Collector Sorenson gave his report (see attached). Anticipated receipts \$5,191.60. Receipts \$4,631.60 (this includes taxes and some back interest). Uncollected at this time \$560.00. Discussion took place on the number of Delinquencies. Sorenson reported that there are 14 units (9 owners) delinquent at this time - two haven't been paying - just stopped for some reason. [Harold Johnson (3 years behind), Kortten stopped last year. Ridolfi stopped paying on back lot. Montesi behind].

What needs to be done is after 2 years a lien be placed on property. (Liens need to be renewed every year). The question on some property is - after awhile is it worth your while? The cost of liens will become more than the property is worth and so you are losing money. Motion to accept Tax Collectors report made by Anderson. 2nd by Hathaway. Vote unanimous.

Hathaway requested that Sorenson provide the Secretary with an update on the sale of property and any changes in property ownership so that the membership list can be updated.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Insurance bill came in. It is almost at the same rate as last year which is a significant saving.
- 2) Tag Sale Committee made money
- 3) Picnic Committee showed a deficit of \$24.00

4) Change of Mailbox Key - Discussion: Hathaway received an email from Gil Koss with regard to this matter. Hathaway reported that the reason the key was changed was that numerous requests made over the past two years of Gil Koss to produce duplicate keys so that others could access the box - were ignored and not responded to. Hathaway said that the Secretary should have access to the box and all communications should go through the secretary for distribution. Koss said that he could not recall having been asked for a key. Hathaway said that the minutes would support the above.

5) Hathaway requested a financial report from Gil Koss and the report was not provided. Koss responded that there was no report to give him. Hathaway said that the Tax Collector is empowered to assist the Treasurer - at the very least Koss should have given a report to be read at meetings if he couldn't attend a meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Financial Report: Gil Koss
Discussion: Tax rate for this year. Motion by Jane Sleath to recommend \$20. 2nd Anderson. Vote - Unanimous.

2) Recommendation to raise the stipends/salary of the Treasurer, Tax Collector and Secretary mad by Gil Koss. Agreed to bring before the membership.
Motion to accept Financial Report - Bob Hathaway 2nd Jane Sleath Vote to accept unanimous.

3) Nominating Committee: Decided none would be formed. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Hathaway said that he would not be running for office and he was sure that there would be plenty of names put in nomination.

4) Dates for Picnic and Tag Sale: Decided that these would be set at the annual meeting. April Schulze said that she and her sisters Loretta and Audrey would be co-chairpersons of the picnic committee.

5) 2nd beach erosion - Ron Steinhilber recommended that round pack be put on the beach. Discussion took place on Town Inland Wetlands having jurisdiction over this issue and the need to contact them before anything can be done.

6) Hathaway reported that First Selectman Dan McGuire told him that the Conservation Commission is now the Commission of Oversight on all Lake Issues. The Commission meets the 4th Wednesday of each month.

7) Resignation tendered by Chair of The By-Law Revision Committee Mary Anderson in that the charge given the committee had been fulfilled. Hathaway and O'Keefe also tendered their resignations - Committee dissolved.

8) Dave and April Schulze sent an email to the Board requesting permission to pave the road near their house when they do the driveway.

Anderson said that the road is a town owned road (Echo Drive 1) and that the association does have the authority to grant such permission. This issue needs to go before the Board of the Selectman of the town - perhaps the Zoning Board. Asked that the Schulze's get something from the town in writing regarding this matter to present to the association membership at the annual meeting. Even then, it is not the association whose vote determines this question.

The Schulze's asked that it be placed on the agenda for the June 1st meeting. So granted.

With no other business to come before the group - a motion to adjourn was made by Anderson 2nd Koss Vote to adjourn Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Mary Anderson
Secretary, LWBA