

1983-84

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LWBA

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The annual meeting was held at the Ace and it was called to order by the President, George Brennan.

The Secretary read the minutes of the 1982 annual meeting. Phil Godek made a motion to accept the report and Bud Miller second the motion. Motion accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read, Pat Kerula made a motion to accept the report as read and Ann Steinhilber second it. Motion accepted.

The Tax Collector's report was read by Phil Godek. Jim Green made a motion to accept the report and George Mitchell second it. Motion accepted.

Ann Steinhilber asked for a show of appreciation for a job well done by Mr. Godek. All those present were in agreement. Mr. Godek then asked for backing in his job of Tax Collector in the form of a lawyer. He felt he needed the advice of a lawyer in several cases involving foreclosures. Several questions were asked of him and a discussion followed. Mr. Kerula made a motion to provide our Tax Collector with money to obtain an attorney to aid in his job, if necessary. Ann Steinhilber second this motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Bernice Brennan gave a report for the Legal Committee. She briefed everyone present on what had been happening in the recent past concerning our current case against Mr. Selmer. All those present knew and where

we could be in the future. Several options were given for resolving our problem with the dam, from leasing the dam to buying it. Many questions were asked. Berdine & Henry Bixman tried to answer the questions. Concern was raised about the members of the Association having the opportunity to accept or reject any decisions that the committee came to. Phil Oley assured everyone they would have this opportunity.

Mrs. Givins asked if there was a Beach Committee, and if there had been any work done on the beaches. There was not.

Under New Business:

After considering the expenses for the coming year, it was decided to assess \$1.00 per lot on each home and lot. Phil Oley made a motion to accept this tax and Frank Adamewicz seconded it. There were three no's - the motion passed.

This year's Tag Sale will be held on June 18th with a rain date of June 19. Joanne Oley and Barbara Green will chair this committee.

The Board of Directors nominated the following slate of officers:

Phil Oley - President
Joan Mitchell - Vice President
George Mitchell - Treasurer
Nancy Mitchell - Secretary
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Each office was individually voted on and accepted. Also nominated and accepted were two two-year posts on the Board of Directors. These two posts were filled by George Brennan and Joan Budge. All new members were sworn in by George Brennan.

The new president, Phil Oley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Brennan made this motion, and Rose Miller second it. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Mitchell
Secretary
LWBA

LAKE WILLIAMS BEACH ASSOCIATION
TAX COLLECTOR
ANNUAL REPORT 1982 - 83

1. Report of the Lake Williams Beach Association Tax Collector from July 1 1982 to June 30 1983.
2. 1982 - 83 fiscal year assessment of \$60.00 per property owner was voted on by the members present at the annual meeting of the association held on June 6th 1982.
3. As of July 1st 1982 there were 117 property owners. During the year there were 5 property changes in ownership.
Jeremiah Edwards to George Mitchell
Wayne Trombley to Brownie Pleze
Lebanon town of (joe pellecchia lot 141) to Murray Ostrager
Lebanon town of possessed (d. lupaccino lot 174) for taxes
William Bendzes lot 106 to Michael Panek # DONALD BRODOWICZ
4. 2 owners of the same family combined 2 lots into one ownership.
5.

	Taxes collected	Interest	Liens	
1982 - 83	\$5940.00	23.40		
1981 - 82	172.80	27.90	22.50	
1980 - 81	10.00	7.26		
1979 - 80	8.00	7.58	11.25	
1978 - 79	8.00	8.46	11.25	
1977 - 78	8.00	9.76		
	6146.80	84.36	45.00	\$6276.16
				Expense colled 19.00
				Total collected and turned over to treasure \$6295.16
6. 1982 - 83 18 delinquent and transfered to suspence book, ready for filing of liens.
3 liens have been filed for the year 1981.
7. see page two for uncollected taxes.
8. On August 1982 the tax collector had to appear in bankruptcy court at Hartford, Conn. for a hearing on the estate of Elien Murphy and file an objection against the method of payment for taxes due L.W.B.A. Trustee and Attorney for the debtor were shown proof of the association being a State approved tax district. L.W.B.A. was granted full payment of delinquent taxes. # 2,57,81 TAXES + INTEREST + LIENS + EXPENSE
9. Your tax collector has been a member of the TAX COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION OF CONN. since 1978 and has attended all seminars and workshops whenever possible, this has been a great help to better understand the laws and workings of tax collection. Membership and seminar being paid for by L.W.B.A. I wish to thank you all for this privilage of attending these workshops and hope you will continue to let the tax collector be a member of the tax collectors association of conn and attend those workshops.

Philip. J. Godeck Sr
Tax Collector L.W.B.A.

7. Uncollected Taxes 6/30/83

J. Anderson	\$60.00
J. Bukowy	60.00
C. Castonguay	60.00
W. Feery	60.00
C. Hathaway	60.00
G. Hovey	60.00
J. Kelly	60.00
E. Kendall	60.00
G. Kraus	60.00
M. Krom	60.00
J. Lowney	60.00
D. Lupaccio	60.00
Z. Mercier	60.00
R. Morrison	60.00
J. Pellecchia	60.00
Estate of Peterson	60.00
A. Volpe	60.00
M. Ostrager	60.00
	<u>\$1080.00</u>

Uncollected Taxes 6/30/82

J. Bukowy	\$60.00
C. Castonguay	60.00
E. Kandall	60.00
J. Lowney	60.00
D. Lupaccio	60.00
Z. Mercier	60.00
R. Morrison	60.00
Estate of Peterson	60.00
A. Volpe	60.00
	<u>\$540.00</u>

Uncollected taxes 6/30/81

C. Castonguay	10.00
E. Kendall	10.00
D. Lupaccio	10.00
Z. Mercier	10.00
R. Morrison	10.00
J. Pellechia	10.00
Estate of Peterson	10.00
A. Volpe	10.00
	<u>\$80.00</u>

Uncollected taxes 6/30/80

C. Castonguay	\$16.00
D. Lupaccino	16.00
R. Morrison	16.00
J. Pellechia	16.00
A. Volpe	16.00
	<u>\$80.00</u>

Uncollected taxes 6/30/79

D. Lupaccino	8.00
R. Morrison	8.00
J. Pellechia	8.00
	<u>24.00</u>

Uncollected taxes 6/30/78

D. Lupaccino	8.00
R. Morrison	16.00
	<u>\$24.00</u>

LAKE WILLIAMS BEACH ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

23 MAY 1983

Balance Brought Forward 6/18/82 \$1,577.50

Income

Tax Collector Deposits	\$6,295.16	
Picnic Proceeds	251.60	
Zoning Permits	3.00	
Tag Sale Proceeds	129.00	
Total		\$6,678.76

Disbursements

Property Taxes	323.54	
Picnic	250.00	
Lien Processing	11.25	
Tax Collector	27.00	
Postage and Envelopes	28.28	
Attorney Fees	6,275.26	
Court Transcript	548.81	
Insurance/Bond	307.00	
Total		\$7,771.14

Balance 5/23/83 \$ 485.12



G. F. Mitchell

ZWBA Special Meeting

January 28, 1984

A special meeting of the Board of Directors met at the home of President Phil Cley. The meeting was called to order at 10:30. Those present included

Phil Cley	George Mitchell
Jane McVie	Nancy Mitchell
Bill Bandy (for Jan Bandy)	
Ann Steinhilber	Rose Miller

Phil asked George Mitchell to give a brief report on our financial status. He reported that we had about \$800.00 of which approximately \$500 was still owed to our lawyer.

We briefly discussed the problem of the pot hole on Lake Williams drive (a block from First beach). Phil agreed to approach the town to see if anything could be done about it.

Phil read a letter from Stanley Packhead of the DEP to Peter Cooper (our lawyer). Several specific points were highlighted and discussed. He said we had not thoroughly claimed how much of the lake was affected with plant growth that is a result of lowering the water level. George Mitchell had prepared several graphs of the lake area which would show that a large percentage of the lake is affected. It was agreed that we could use this argument at the meeting with the DEP. Phil asked George to prepare a letter for this purpose.

There were some remarks in this letter concerning our court case that were incorrect. We will ask to have it deleted or corrected.

While agreeing that the Buchard Buch report is accurate, we will try to convince the DEP that there are alternatives to their plan. There is some concern that if the Buchard Buch report is accepted, we will

be a preliminary approval for the Gilman
to use this method.

Rose Miller was asked if she had
anything to offer from the legal committee.
She felt we had covered the points of
the committee's concerns. She did ask
that we not forget our legal case while
we are involved with the DEP hearings.

Phil asked the members of the Board
to attend the DEP meeting on February 22nd.
The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully Submitted
Nancy Mitchell
LWBA Secretary

ZWBA Special Meeting

May 10, 1984

The Board of Directors met on May 10, 1984. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. The members present included: Phil Aley, George Brennan, Ann Steinhilber, George & Nancy Mitchell, and Ross Miller.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The first business discussed was the selection of new officers to be nominated at the annual meeting.

President - Phil Aley
Vice Pres - Zane Mercier
Treas. - George Mitchell
Sec. - Nancy Mitchell
Tax Collector - Phil Godeck

The two Director posts that are open this year are vacated by Ann Steinhilber and Richard LeRay. Ann is willing to again fill her post. It was suggested that Dick Tanguier or Rene Guilbeault fill the other vacancy. Phil is to contact them.

The annual meeting will be held June 3rd, 2:00 at the lake.

Upcoming events include the tag sale to be charged by Joe Ann Aley and the Summer picnic to be charged by Nancy Mitchell.

A discussion about Silman's Request to repair the dam included some suggestions of what we are prepared to do before November.

- ① acquire engineering plans for repair of dam
- ② reach an agreement with Harold Silman regarding property.
- ③ arrange insurance
- ④ arrange financing for dam

May 10, 1984 (Cont)

We discussed having an environmental impact study prepared. George Brennan said that one had been prepared ^{we get} a few ago. These existing studies and George Mitchell's chart could be sent to the DEP to see if they are sufficient or if more extensive studies are needed. George Mitchell was to meet with Cooper and Dawd to discuss this issue.

The Treasurer stated that there is \$380.00 in the Treasury with no outstanding bills. He also suggested keeping the tax rate at \$60.00 for the coming year.

The possibility of inviting some people from outside the Association to the Annual Meeting was discussed and rejected. It was suggested that we take our Lake problem to a Lebanon Selectmen meeting and ask for the town's help.

The problem of keeping our members aware of current activities was discussed at length. It was proposed that we have a quarterly Board of Directors meeting. It was also proposed that we prepare a quarterly or semi-annual newsletter to the Association members. This will be brought up at the annual meeting along with a request for an editor for the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully Submitted
Nancy Mitchell
LWBA Secretary

The Dam - Mystic

"It's really a sad thing to look at; the water's all gone. It's sad because it's a beautiful lake, especially in the fall. The sun shines through the trees and reflects off the water."

LEBANON (AP) — The last bit of water has been released from Williams Lake, satisfying a state law that required the draining but upsetting residents whose homes now border a gigantic mudhole.

It's a situation that could occur again in other parts of Connecticut, according to a state environmental official.

"It was a gorgeous lake," said Bernyce Breena, who has looked out on the lake from a 24-foot-wide bedroom window. "It's so distressing. I don't know if you can imagine what it's like to live on a waterless lake."

The last drop of water from the 247-acre lake in rural, northeast Connecticut was drained on Thursday, and the dam that created the lake is likely to come down soon. Without the dam, the lake can't exist.

"It's really a sad thing to look at; the water's all gone," said Jane LeRoy, who has lived on the lake's shore for eight years. "It's sad because it's a beautiful lake, especially in the fall. The sun shines through the trees and reflects off the water."

Charles A. Sperlazza of Plainville was at the lake Thursday night when the last of the water was released. He and a friend spent three hours moving fish left behind in the mud into a nearby brook in hopes of saving them.

"If you could have seen those fish," he said, "there were thousands of them just flopping around."

The dam is scheduled to come down because it is in need of repairs, an expense that has figured

in the owners' decision. Legislation passed in 1983 has forced some dam owners to choose between maintaining their dams and abandoning them.

Of the 4,000 dams in the state, about 1,000 are privately owned and surrounded by homes, said Philip W. Moreschi, principal engineer with the Department of Environmental Protection's water resource unit.



Campground owner Ray Kanter walks on bottom of Williams Lake

AP Laserphoto

Living on a waterless lake

Landowners around Williams Lake have no control over the dam, which is owned by a company that bought it almost a century ago. The dilemma of repairing or removing some of these dams may recur in the near future, Moreschi warned.

"It's not uncommon in this state for mill ponds to be constructed, then property around the lake is sold off for development, the people enjoy the lake

and pay no cost for it," he said. "They expect the pond to always be there."

Landowners say if the lake remains dry, their recreation will be destroyed and the value of their homes will drop drastically. In an attempt to save the lake, the Williams Beach Association filed an unsuccessful lawsuit. An appeal is pending in the state Supreme Court.

The association also has offered to finance repairs or buy the dam from its owners, the Gilman Bros Co., but residents say the company will not discuss an offer with them.

Lawrence Gilman, the company's president, said that because of the pending litigation, he would not discuss why his company had decided to remove the dam. He did say, though, that the cost of repairs figured in that decision.

"We're trying to be good citizens. We know we are," he said. "They are trying to paint us real bad... but we're not looking for sympathy."

Gilman Bros., which owns the Bozrah Light and Power Co., purchased the dam in 1898. The dam and lake had been constructed to produce hydroelectric power, and it was used at one time for that purpose.

The decision to remove the dam still must go before a DEP hearing, and the town has established a Flood and Erosion Control Board, which by state law could seize the dam if it proves essential to flood control.

George Mitchell, president of the beach association and one of the board's five members, said his panel will first try to negotiate with Gilman Bros. But even if the panel is successful in refilling the lake, damage has been done. Fishermen say it will take at least five years for the lake to become a good fishing area once again.

Raymond Kanter, who has owned Kanter's Campground for 32 years, said, "It means that my campers will be very unhappy and I'll probably lose a lot of them."

Lake resident Loren F. Goodrich said he can't understand why a settlement hasn't been reached.

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