Annual Meeting was held on June 7, 2009

## Lake Williams Beach Association

## PO Box 52, Lebanon, Connecticut 06249

Dear Beach Association Members,

The Board of Directors thought that beside the agenda, it might be useful to have some details. Please don't hesitate to call myself or any Board member if you have questions.

The Survey: A survey engineer, Bob Messier, was hired last year to complete Phase One. This phase includes identifying the boundaries of association properties. He has provided us with preliminary drawings and identified four areas of concern.

In the Phase Two part of the project, he will research the land records and work with the Board of Directors to make recommendations towards resolving Association concerns. He will input the boundaries into the Connecticut Grid System, which is the standard used by the State of Connecticut as well as most towns. The final step is to file mylars, official maps, with the Town. The fee for Phase Two is the same as for Phase One: \$2,500. The Board of Directors recommends approval of this budget item.

The Mile-Long Tag Sale: For many years, this event was sponsored by the Association. The Board of Directors anticipates that participation will increase with the Association support. There is no cost to the budget as costs are recouped through the fees that participants pay. The Board of Directors recommends approval of this item.

The budget for 2009-2010: The proposed budget is included in this packet. The budget shows an increase of \$300 from last year. The Board of Directors recommends approval of the budget. The tax rate is recommended to remain at \$55.00. The Board of Directors recommends approval of the tax rate as \$55.00.

The slate of officers for 2009-2010 is:

President - Judy McCabe

Vice-President - Diane Marquis

Treasurer - Ryk Nelson

Tax Collector - Dave Gendreau

Secretary - Christy Kelly

The Board of Directors for 2009-2011 are:

Kirk Matson

Fred Dovle

Current Directors for 2008-2010 are:

David Pearson

Don Serbin

Street lights: This item may be added to the agenda. The Town of Lebanon has decided not to include street lights in the 2009-2010 budget. There are four street lights on Lake Shore Drive. The Town has asked the Beach Association if we want to pay for the cost of these four lights. As of May 18, 2009, we did not have information on costs or maintenance.

### **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

The Board of Directors is looking for volunteers to set up and maintain a Lake Williams Beach Association web site.

The Board of Directors is looking for volunteers for a newsletter committee.

The Board of Directors is looking for volunteers for the dock work party in November.

The Board of Directors is looking for volunteers to maintain the beaches. Finally, the Board of Directors is looking for ideas to develop a plan for of development for the beaches and the acre.

I hope this information letter is helpful. Please don't hesitate to call myself or any Board member if you have questions. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

Ryk Nelson

# Lake Williams Beach Association

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Annual Meeting: July 7, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at "The Acre"

## Agenda

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Old Business
  - a. President's report
  - b. Secretary's Report
  - c. Treasurer's Report
  - d. Tax Collector's Report
  - e. Auditor's Report
  - f. Committee Reports
    - i. Beach and Property Maintenance
    - ii. Picnic
  - g. Survey Phase One Preliminary Report
- 4. New Business
  - a. Survey Phase Two
  - b. Mile-Long Tag Sale
  - c. Budget for 2009-2010
  - d. Set Tax Rate for 2009-2010
  - e. Nomination and election of Officers for 2009-2010
  - f. Nomination and election of Directors for 2009-2011
- 5. Any Other Business
- 6. Swearing In of Officers and Directors
- 7. Adjournment

## PO Box 52, Lebanon, Connecticut 06249 Proxy Form

Dear Members,

In an effort to eliminate confusion arising from the use of proxies at the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors has created a proxy form for the 2009 Annual Meeting. Please use this new form instead of any older forms that may exist.

Thank you,	
Ryk Nelson President	
Proxy Form	<u> </u>
I,, from(Lake address)	-
Do hereby designate (Lake address) from	1
(Proxy name)	(Lake address)
To act as my proxy at the Annual Meeting of the Lal	ke Williams Beach Association on
June 7, 2009. My proxy has been designated to vote	on my behalf on the following
items: (Check the items so designated)	
Full Proxy – designated to vote on any	item brought before the membership
1. Survey – Phase Two:	
2. Mile-long tag sale	
3. Budget for 2009-2010	
4. Set tax rate for 2009-2010	
5. Election of officers for 2009-2010	
6. Election of directors for 2009-2011	
Signature)	
Print name)	(Proxy name signature)
Date)	(Date)

## LWBA June 7, 2009 Annual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 by President Ryk Nelson at the Acre. Several Proxies were handed to the Secretary prior to the meeting for review. Sign in Sheets were used to identify members present and proxies on hand.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**President's Report** – Ryk thanked the officers and the directors for their support and work during the year. He also thanked everyone who had helped with the clean ups that had occurred during the year. (Dock, Road and Earth Day Clean Ups). He reminded members that it is through their contributions help everyone.

Secretary's Report – The minutes from the 2008 annual meeting were published and copies were distributed to attending members. A motion was made and accepted to waive the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer Report - Treasurer, Judy McCabe presented the Treasurer's Report

**Tax Collector's Report** – Tax Collector David Gendreau reported collecting \$6,270 member tax, \$535 past due amounts and \$134.30 interest for a total of \$6,939.30.

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**Auditors** - The auditors Lenny Parmalow and John Serbin found the financial report to be accurate. Lenny Parmalow was not in attendance but sent at letter in his stead. The motion to accept the report was made by Don S and seconded by Fred Doyle.

Committee Reports -

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**Annual Picnic** – Last year the event was not well attended due to bad weather. David Gendreau has decided not to host the event again this year and a new chair is needed to host the picnic sometime in August / September at 3<sup>rd</sup> beach.

## Survey

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The preliminary plans were issued

Preliminary pins have been set

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These issues will be resolved with Phase 2.

#### Phase 2 -

Phase 2 is the final phase of the project

Mylars will be filed with the town and put into the Connecticut Grid System

Areas of Concern will be addressed

Side Benefit of having the LWBA properties mapped in the CT Grid system is that future surveys of nearby properties can be done at reduced cost.

The motion for Phase 2 acceptance led to a discussion on the use of proxy voting.

Proxy Voting Concerns Point of Order -

The following excerpt was read from Robert's Rule of Order -

"A proxy is a power of attorney given by one person to another to vote in his stead and it is also used to designate the person who holds the power of attorney. It is unknown to a strictly deliberative assembly, and is in conflict with the idea of the equality of members, which is a fundamental principle of deliberative assemblies. There can be but little use for debate where one member had more votes than another, possibly more than all the others combined. In society of the deliberative kind the business is transacted in meetings attended by none but members and proxies are a serious interference with their work."

It was argued that the general guidelines of the LWBA are that the LWBA is to act as a deliberative body. It is important to talk and to discuss issues affecting members.

Use of Proxy Debate -

Should it be allowed?

Ryk Nelson stated that the proxy usage could not be applied to the current proxy usage and that Roberts' Rules of Order were used by the LWBA by convenience and that the current bylaws allowed proxy votes.

If a change in proxy use is to be made a committee will have to be formed to review and change the bylaws for vote in the next annual meeting.

A motion was made by X and seconded by Gil Koss to table the motion to accept Phase 2 until a committee to review the bylaws could be formed and to postpone the Phase 2 at the next full association meeting either next year or at a special meeting.

The motion to postpone the Phase 2 was denied.

A motion to accept Phase 2 of the project was made by Diane Marquis and seconded by Kirk Matson and approved.

A motion to amend the agenda to include a report by Judy McCabe and discussion on Street Lights was made by Diane Marquis and seconded by Dave Gendreau.

### Street Lights -

As a cost savings measure the town of Lebanon has decided to shut off 61 lights within the town including 4 streetlights on Lake Williams / Lake Shore Drive as of July 1st. The LWBA has the option to keep the lights if they are willing to incur the cost of powering them.

The 70 watt lights are owned by Bozrah Light and Power and will cost approximately \$10 per light per month and would cost the association approximately \$480 per year.

The decision should be made prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> as there may be an additional charge to have the lights turned back on after they have been turned off.

A motion was made to NOT fund the lights and made and approved.

## Mile Long Tag Sale -

Diane Marquis reported that last year was very successful. Many people helped out posting signs.

A motion was made to have the LWBA sponsor the tag sale again this year. There is no cost to the association to sponsor but having the association sponsorship helps to market the tag sale.

The proposed date for this year's tag sale is July 18th

The motion was approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### Budget 2009 - 2010 -

A motion was made by Don Serbin and seconded by Kirk Matson for discussion

Judy McCabe reviewed the budget line by line and discussed the Town of Lebanon Property Revaluations

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      1st beach - 2007
      $ 3,270
      2008
      $ 2,210

      2nd beach - 2007
      $ 3,300
      2008
      $ 3,260

      3rd beach - 2007
      $8,190
      2008
      $ 2,310

      The Acre - 2007
      $21,430
      2008
      $51,170
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The biggest increase was in the acre because it is considered to be a saleable asset since there are no provisions in the bylaws that it cannot be sold.

The Town of Lebanon mill rate has not been set yet. The current proposed mill rate is 21.1% but may change upon the Lebanon Board of Finance approval. It will probably not be as high as the prior year's 27.2% due to the property revaluations.

A motion was made to approve the budget - motion was carried.

### Tax Rate for 2009 - 2010

A motion was made to keep the current LWBA member tax at \$55 per property by Dave Spring and Wayne.

## Officers nominated and elected for 2009 - 2010

President

Judy McCabe

Vice President

Diane Marquis

Secretary

Christy Kelly

Treasurer

Ryk Nelson

Tax Collector

Dave Gendron

Motion was made to have 1 ballot for the slate

Motion was approved

## Directors nominated and elected for the indicated 2 year terms

Kirk Matson

2009 - 2011

Fred Doyle

2009 - 2011

**Current Directors** 

Don Serbin

2008 - 2010

Dave Pearson

2008 - 2010

Motion to appoint Kirk Matson and Fred Doyle was approved.

## Any other business -

## Culvert Project -

Dave had talked to Phil Chester (Lebanon Town Planner)

The town of Lebanon will be doing work to improve the culvert on Lake Shore Drive. It will be put out to bid shortly and it is hoped that the 2 month project will start in July During the project the road will not be closed – there will always be passage for trucks / buses.

## Charter Revision Committee -

A motion was made by Gil Koss and seconded by John Serbin to create a committee to review the LWBA charter and use of proxy votes.

Motion was approved.

Swearing In

Officers and Directors were sworn in

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:20

Beach and Property - Tom Sholey

Annual Picnic - (Open)

Mile Long Tag Sale - (Open)

Committee Volunteers

# Lake Williams Beach Association BUDGET

Expenditures	Budgeted 2008-09	Actual 2008-09	Proposed 2009-10	
Insurance – Liability Bonding	\$2,300.00	\$1,952.92 114.82	\$2,200.00	
Property Tax	1,200.00	1,072.51	1,300.00	
Secretary Fee	150.00	150.00	150.00	
Treasurer Fee	150.00	150.00	150.00	
Tax Collector Fee	550.00	550.00	550.00	
Collection Expenses	25.00		25.00	
Auditor Fee	70.00	70.00	70.00	
Postage/Stationary	300.00	112.80	200.00	
BOD Expenses			100.00	
Annual Picnic	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Legal Expenses	300.00		300.00	
Professional Services	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Beach & Property	500.00		1,000.00	
Emergency Reserve	350.00		350.00	
Total	\$8,895.00	\$7,173.05	\$9,395.00	

Budgeted vs Actual - (\$1,721.95)

Checking Account Balance -\$1,472.96

Savings Account Balance - \$4,328.79

Total on hand - \$5,801.75

## FOR the Official Record.

## CHECKING ACCOUNT SUMMARY

	2007-08	2008-09			
Beginning Balance	\$1,275.68	\$1,672.30			
Revenue from member taxes/fees	6,276.00	6,939.30			
Picnic/Misc. Revenue	81.00	34.41			
Total Income	\$7,632.68	\$8,646.01			
Expenses (actual from budget)	\$5,960.38	\$7,173.05			
Balance	\$1,672.30	\$1,472.96			
Petty Cash (deposited into checking)	\$ 34.50				
Ending Balance	\$1,672.30	\$1,472.96			
SAVINGS ACCOUNT SUMMARY					
Beginning Balance	\$4,294.31	\$4,310.14			
Interest	15.83	18.65			
Ending Balance	\$4,310.14	\$4,328.79			
Total Cash On Hand	\$5,982.44	\$5,801.75			

Proposed member tax for 2009-2010 - \$55.00

Respectfully submitted,

Judy MEle

Judy McCabe Treasurer

## LWBA TAX COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

**JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009** 

## **Taxable Properties**

At this time there are 129 taxable properties in the LWBA.

## **Collections**

A total of \$6,939.30 was collected in taxes and late fees. This represents 114 taxable properties paid in full.

7/1/08 - 6/30/09 Member Tax \$ 6,270.00

Past Due Amounts \$ 535.00

Interest \$ 134.30

Breakdown of Total Amount Collected \$ 6,939.30

## **Dutstanding Taxes Due**

There are currently fifteen (15) taxable properties which represent eleven owners. The total amount past due is \$3,187.40.

Respectfully Submitted

David Gendreau Tax Collector, LWBA

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# Lake Williams Beach Association Board of Directors Meeting June 27, 2009 @ The Acre

**Attendees** – Judy McCabe, Fred Doyle, Ryk Nelson, Christy Kelly, Diane Marquis, Dave Gendreau (8:45) with Ron Steinhilber and Arvid Sundquist.

The meeting was called to order at 8:37

Arvid Sundquist had come to the meeting to discuss the property line between his property and third beach which had been listed as an area of concern for the Survey.

Over the years he has made significant improvements on the border – added fill, plantings and mulch in order to keep the area beautiful and prevent erosion. Now that the property line is defined he is going to put up a fence to delineate the border.

He is concerned about the recent forsythia plantings made in the area. His fence will only be 48 inches tall and has concerns that the forsythia will become intrusive and unsightly.

He also recommended than an additional truckload of fill be ordered to fortify the area against erosion. (cost about \$400 but might be less if Russ's truck is used).

The decision was made to remove the forsythia and perhaps plant grass in the area as a low maintenance alternative.

Old Business -

## Tax/ Liens / Foreclosures -

Dave Gendreau reported that the tax bills had been mailed today (6/27/09)

Tax Liens for properties in arrears would be filed on Monday at the Town Hall

The combination to the boat launch access gate would be changed on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Ryk Nelson has the key that allows the combination to be changed.

#### Street Lights -

After the Annual Meeting, Jane Erway canvassed the neighbors, many of whom would like to keep the lights.

The lights are owned by Bozrah light and power. Although the town has decided to shut down the lights as of July 2009 there is a 1 year notice shutdown requirement so the lights may be kept on for that reason – more research needs to be done.

## Survey -

Judy McCabe sent the letter to Bob Messier to inform him that the survey motion was approved and that Phase 2 will continue.

#### Boat Launch -

The gate has been left open lately which has allowed non-members to launch their boats. The purpose of the gate is to allow members only to launch boats from that site.

#### Jet Ski's -

The current rule is that the boat launch cannot be used to launch Jet Skis.

There may be an insurance reason for this (LWBA liability) or it could have been that the early versions of jet skis were very noisy. Investigation will be done to understand why the rule was created to determine if the rule should be changed.

## Buoys -

Judy McCabe contacted the DEP – there used to be markers in the lake for the big rocks but where removed. They should be replaced by the DEP.

Amston Lake currently has the buoys to mark swimming and milfoil areas.

## Beach Clean Up -

The first beach to be done is 2<sup>nd</sup> beach.

A clean up must be done before the sand is delivered

The clean up will be July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 8am. The beach needs to be raked and weeds removed.

A posting announcing the beach clean up will be made.

## Picnic -

A party chair is needed - Dave Gendreau / Fred Doyle graciously volunteered to work together for the picnic.

The picnic will be held on Third Beach

### Pavilion -

It was discussed that it would be nice if there was a pavilion on one of the beaches to be used for future picnics.

## **Boat Launch Parking -**

There are concerns that the parking lot could be full and not allow members access to the beach / boat launch.

Cars have been parked there until late at night / overnight.

There are insurance concerns and complaints from neighboring properties about the noise made by people returning to their cars after dark.

The rule prohibiting parking after dark should be enforced.

## Tag Sale -

The tag sale will be held July 18<sup>th</sup>. Diane Marquis is the chairperson.

Sign makers are still needed.

The cost for each tag sale participant is \$5 to cover advertising.

## **Bylaw Review Committee -**

Formation – It was decided that the Bylaw Review Committee should consist of no more than 7 members appointed by the board of directors.

The proxy vote is also in the charter which might not be modifiable?

The LWBA usage of the acre was also discussed. How could the acre be better used? Should it be used for the picnic?

The meeting was concluded at 9:44am.

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Board of Directors Meeting: July 26, 2009 at the "Acre"

Meeting called to order at 8:10 a.m.

Present: Judy McCabe, President, Ryk Nelson, Treasurer, Kirk

Matson, Director, Fred Doyle, Director

Judy announced that due to time constraints, she could no longer be President of the Beach Association.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

July 26, 2009

Lake Williams Beach Association PO Box 52 Lebanon CT 06249

Subject: Resignation

To the LWBA Board of Directors:

Effective this date, I am resigning from my position as President of the Lake Williams Beach Association to pursue more productive endeavors.

It is my hope that the officers and board of directors will work toward what is for the good of this association, and uphold the laws that bind us.

Yours truly,

Judy McCabe 279 Lake Shore Drive Lebanon CT 06249

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Cc: Official Record

## PO Box 52, Lebanon, Connecticut 06249

# Board of Directors Meeting July 31, 2009 at 7:30 at 3 Lake Shore Dr., Lebanon

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- 1. Call to order Diane Marquis, Vice President I on the least asset to the Board of Directors asked kyk Nelson to fill out the term for held. In her place, The Board of Directors asked kyk Nelson to fill out the term for
- 2. Motion to accept Judy's resignation as President, with regrets Diane/Ryk
- 3. Motion to appoint president to fill the rest of Judy's term.
- 4. Motion to accept Ryk's resignation as Treasurer
- 5. Motion to appoint treasurer to fill the rest of Ryk's term
- 6. Boat launch lock letters are ready to mail effective August 15
- 7. Picnic date/location/etc
- 8. Letter to membership
  - list Board Members
  - seeking volunteers and ideas for By-Laws revision 800-240-008
  - announcing date of picnic, etc.
- 9. Beach sand volunteers needed all 3 or just 2<sup>nd</sup> beach now?
- 10.Any other business
  - 11.Adjournment

Reminder - we need another board of directors member

## PO Box 52, Lebanon, Connecticut 06249

Board of Directors Meeting Friday, July 31, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: Diane Marquis, Vice-President, Ryk Nelson, Treasurer, Kirk Matson, Director, Dave Gendreau, Tax Collector

Diane opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Motion was made by Ryk, seconded by Diane to accept with regrets the resignation of Judy McCabe as President. Motion passed.

Diane asked for nominations for president. Motion was made by Dave to nominate Diane. Diane refused.

Motion was made by Kirk, seconded by Dave to nominate Ryk as President. Motion passed.

Ryk officially resigned as Treasurer, effective August 5, 2009.

Ryk asked for nominations for Treasurer. Diane nominated, Ryk seconded Kirk as Treasurer. Motion passed.

The combination lock for the boat launch needs to be changed. Dave will print envelopes and Ryk will put in the letter about the new combination. At the same time, a letter to the membership about the Board changes and a request for volunteers for the By-Laws committee will be included.

Dave needs to contact Fred Doyle to work on the beach association picnic. Details will follow.

Ryk received a request that sand be added to Beach 2 as soon as possible. Ryk has a price for sand for all three beaches. We don't have volunteers to spread it. Beach 2 does not need much sand – so a work day on Saturday August 15 at 9:00 was set up. The other beaches will be done in early spring 2010.

There has been a request to add a floating dock off of Beach 1. Board members asked about potential liability. Do we have the authority to say yes or no? The Beach Association owns up to the water line. Ryk will check with the Insurance Company. Other members thought it was a great idea if everything could be worked out. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.