

1989-90

Annual Meeting was held on June 4, 1989

LWBA Members,

This is just a note to remind everyone that the LWBA annual meeting is to be held the first Sunday of June, June 4th 1989 at 1:00 P. M. at the ACRE. Enclosed you will find a proposed budget, an agenda for the meeting, and the list of officer positions to be filled.


Several LWBA members have suggested formation of a Lake Committee. 4 members have been appointed to this committee. Their charge is to work toward a solution to solving the lake problem. To date several alternatives have been addressed which proved to be dead ends. A committee provides continuity and relieves the president of the time consuming tasks related to it.

Speaking of officers, we need a full slate of officers for the 1989-90 year. For personal reasons, none of the present board has plans to continue or seek another position.

The proposed budget requires that about \$4,500 be raised by taxes. Current cash on hand is just under \$5,000 and the budget calls for \$9,500, leaving roughly \$4,500 to be raised for the 1989-90 year. The largest item in the budget is up in the air, the cost of liability insurance. The present insurance carrier has notified us that it is not renewing our policy.

Several members have commented on the number of unregistered vehicles and some refuse which have been improperly disposed of in the association. There are State, Town and Association laws concerning improper disposal of old cars and other objects. Spring time is a good time to clean house. Lets keep our association beautiful.

Over all the year has been relatively successful. Our Lebanon Selectmen have assumed a leadership role in the solution to the lake "problem." Alternatives have been actively pursued and a dialogue with the DEP has been ongoing. The Board of Directors appreciates your help in signing petitions and filling out questionnaires as different solutions were pursued. Come to the annual meeting for more of the particulars.

  
LWBA President

PROPOSED  
1989 - 90  
BUDGET

	APPROVED 1988/89	PROPOSED 1989/90
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 3,060	\$ 3,400
LEBANON TOWN TAX	400	400
TAX NOTICES (NEWSPAPER)	50	50
SECRETARY'S SALARY	25	25
TREASURER'S SALARY	25	25
TAX COLLECTOR'S SALARY	200	200
TAX COLLECTORS EXPENSES	50	50
AUDITOR'S SALARY (250 EACH)	25	25
→ BOARDING INSURANCE	102	—
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S BUDGET	200	200
POSTAGE AND STATIONARY	200	200
MISCELLANEOUS FEES	250	250
PICNIC	200	200
RESERVE FOR WATERFRONT MAINT	1,000	1,000
RESERVE FOR LIABILITY INS (NEXT YEARS)	3,400	3,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,187</b>	<b>\$9,525</b>

## Lake Williams Beach Association

x Collector  
Philip Godeck

Governmental District  
Established 1953

### TAX COLLECTOR ANNUAL REPORT 1989 - 1990

1. Report of the Lake Williams Beach Association Tax Collector from May 16 1989 to May 15 1990.
2. The year 1989 - 1990 rate for collection was voted as \$45.00
3. Fiscal year 1989 -1990 Lake Williams Beach Association recorded 112 property owners.

4. Taxes collected for the year 1989 - 1990	\$4680.00	
Late interest	27.69	\$4707 69
Back taxes collected		
7@ \$10.00	120.00	
1 @ \$50.00		
Interest	42.00	
Lien payment	19.00	
	total	181.00
Overpayment due to error		12.00
	Grand Total	\$4900.69

5. The ledger was closed on May 15th 1990 in order to transfer delinquents to the suspense book and prepare reports to the Policy and Management Office of the State of Connecticut.
6. Five ( 5 ) liens have been filed for the year 1989-1990 and Three ( 3 ) outstanding payments were entered on suspense book.
7. This past year Lake Williams Beach Association had ( 4 ) four transfer of property owners

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
LAKE WILLIAMS BEACH ASSOCIATION  
AS OF 5/20/90

	APPROVED 1989/90 BUDGET	ACTUAL 1989/90 EXPENSES	PROPOSED 1990/91 BUDGET
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,060.00	\$ 3,400.00
LEBANON TOWN TAX	400.00	369.10	400.00
TAX NOTICES (NEWSPAPER)	55.00	0	60.00
SECRETARY'S FEE	25.00	25.00	25.00
TREASURER'S FEE	25.00	0	25.00
TAX COLLECTOR'S FEE	200.00	200.00	200.00
AUDITORS FEES (12.50 EACH)	25.00	25.00	25.00
BONDING INSURANCE	<del>102.00</del>	0	102.00
TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSE	50.00	50.00	50.00
POSTAGE AND STATIONARY EXP.	200.00	89.62	200.00
BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPENSES	200.00	<del>31.50</del> 31.50	200.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	250.00	48.81	250.00
PICNIC	200.00	200.00	200.00
RESERVE-WATER FRONT MAINT	1,000.00	0	1,000.00
RESERVE-NEXT YR'S LIABILITY INS	3,500.00	0	3,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,530.00	4,097.03	9,637.00
CHECKING ACCOUNT AS OF 5/31/89		4,993.54	
<del>SAVINGS ACCOUNT AS OF 6/2/89</del>		<del>411.78</del>	
TAX COLLECTIONS - CURRENT YEAR 104 @ \$45 =		4,680.00	} 4,900.69
PRIOR YEAR 8 @ \$10 =		80.00	
MISCELLANEOUS <del>INCOME</del> <sup>Lien Fees &amp; Interest</sup>		140.69	
Proceeds from Picnic and Tag Sale		275.80	
LESS 1989/90 EXPENSES		4,097.03	
EQUALS TOTAL CASH ON HAND		6,073.00	
CHECKING ACCT AS OF 5/19/90		6,382.81	
SAVINGS ACCT AS OF 8/11/89		309.81	
Checks Outstanding		6,073.00	

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	8-9		200.00	7373 91
	8-10	350.00		7723 91
183	8-11		10.00	7713 91
184	8-11		13.00	7701 91
185	8-11		41.98	7659 93
	9-9	181.95		7841 88
	9-15	104.25		<del>7841</del> 613
	9-28	104.50		8050 63
	10-10	25.00		8075 63
	11-10	156.75		8232 38
	12-11	25.00		8257 38
#186	5-25		29.78	8227.60
#187	5-25		25.00	8202.60
#188	5-25		25.00	8177.60
#189	5-28		250.00	7927.60
#190	5-28		180.00	7747.60
191	6-18		27.30	7720.30
192	6-18		50.00	7678.30
	7-18			7794.80
	8-27	708.25		8503.05
193	6-13		3000.00	5503.05
194	7-25		367.10	5135.95
195	7-25		9.41	5126.54
196	8-11		200.00	4926.54
197	8-28		55.22	4871.32
198	9-19		3000.00	4871.32
	7-18		116.50	4987.82
	8-27		708.25	5696.07
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Chk # 181 Vindex - supplies already Fundy  
 Chk # 182 Jane Sleath - Picnic  
 Deposit - AB500. Taxes  
 Towny Clerk - long lease  
 Philip Godok - Collector Fees  
 Chronicle - Tax Notice Ads  
 Deposit Picnic Receipt  
 Deposit  
 Check #171 is still outstanding  
 Deposit  
 As Per Bank Statement (CK #110 outstanding)  
 Dawson Flight (Flare for Sandy Walwyn)  
 John Arthur Secretary's Allowance  
 George Bergquist Treasurer's Allowance  
 P. Philip Godok for Post Office balance  
 ATJ John Bergquist for fuel expense  
 Philip Godok Liens Release for fuel  
 Philip Godok constable fee  
 Deposit tax collector  
 Deposit TAX collector  
 The Fuller Agency (INSURANCE) returned exp paid missing sig and paid  
 Town of LeBaron TAX  
 Karen Beckavort (tax collector stamp)  
 JANE SLEATH (Picnic)  
 Chronicle (for tax collector notice)  
 Fuller Agency (insurance) Repair ck # 193  
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	1988				5150.18
1	10/9	tax collect collection		359.00	5509.18
2		see sept 19 88 void posted twice	116.50		5392.68
3	11/10	rent check Phillip (Attorney's fee)	30.00		5362.68
4	11/4 89	TARLTON'S Phillip (Attorney's fee)	194.88		5167.80
5	11/1	Rec'd from Richard Morris (CKH 106)		194.88	5362.68
6	11/4	JA X collection		24.00	5386.68
7	4/17	Harley Atkins (Postage)		47.50	5339.18
8	4/17	Kent Sleeth (Postage letters for rent)		27.69	5311.49
9	5/15	Kelly trace (treasury fee)		25.00	5286.49
10	5/5	Pat Steele (Server fee)		25.00	5261.49
11	5/5	Karen Beckwith (Tax collector fee)		250.00	5011.49
12	5/19	Lemi Swanson (Reimbursement for Jones)		19.95	4991.54
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LEDGER ADJUSTMENTS - PER AUDITOR

SUBTRACTION ERROR - CHECK #192  
UNRECORDED DEPOSIT

\* AGREES WITH BANK STATEMENT DATED  
5/31/89

NOTE: SAVINGS ACCOUNT AS OF 6/2/89 HAD A  
BALANCE OF 411.78

# Opinion

## the Chronicle

Lucy B. Crosbie  
Publisher

George L. Geers  
Editor

### Editorial

## Water under the dam

For more than a dozen years, residents of Lebanon have watched and waited as plans to purchase Lake Williams and the surrounding park property have come and gone.

Now, First Selectman Richard R. Bauwens is optimistic that the latest proposal — a joint town-state venture — will come to referendum in town in July.

The new proposal is much like those of the past. Although the percentages may differ in terms of who pays what portion, the agreement calling for the town to fund two-thirds of the \$640,000 price tag while the state picks up the balance seems fair since it is town residents who will benefit most from its presence.

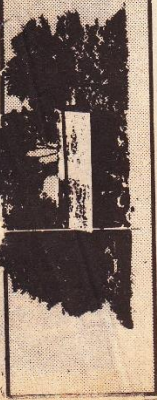
Approval Thursday by the state General Assembly of \$250,000 for acquisition of property rights further ensures the state's commitment to the project.

In the past, the residents who enjoy Lake Williams for recreation, have suffered badly at the hands of recalcitrant public officials and private owners who have refused to budge on the important issues of repairing the dam and spillway as well as the purchase price.

Let us hope that the latest proposal has the blessing of the owners and that residents, who have waited so long to take advantage of one of the town's finest natural attractions, will be rewarded for their patience.

Bauwens' apparent determination to go through with the lake proposal and finally bring it to a vote to settle the matter once and for all is to be commended.

Perhaps before the turn of the century, the Lake Williams issue will finally be water under the dam.



# Lebanon

## Bauwens targets summers' end for lake saga

By AMY ZITKA  
Staff Correspondent

LEBANON - The 13-year-old issue revolving around Lake Williams may soon be drawing to a close.

First Selectman Richard Bauwens is still hopeful to meet his goal of a land purchase referendum before the end of August. The purchase proposal is for 16 acres of land on the west side of Lake Williams, 66 acres on the lake bottom and 2 1/2 acres on the east side.

Bauwens said the cost will be split between the town and the state. If it is approved, the town will get 11 acres on the west side, which will be used as a recreation area.

According to Bauwens, the state will have one acre for access on town land and four acres on the west side for a boat launch and spillway. For the state to help with the purchase, the state has to provide public access.

According to Bauwens, there are 100 families involved living around the lake. "I am working for them," Bauwens said.

Bauwens said he is waiting for the state and landowner Harold Liebman to agree not to reveal the prices, which he would

The lake bottom is owned by several land owners. The dam and the water rights to the lake are owned by Gilman Brothers, a manufacturing company in Bozrah. Bauwens said the dam was in need of repair, but Gilman would not repair it.

"The DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) said either repair it or breach it," Bauwens said. Gilman had decided to take it out, but it was not possible.

Bauwens said the dam could not be breached because people lived along

"The dam is still called unsafe," Bauwens said. "The water is three to four feet low."

In 1987, one of Bauwens campaign promises was to resolve the Lake Williams issue before the end of his term.

The state had appraised the price of the water rights and the dam at \$640,000, according to Bauwens. At that point, nothing had been done. In August 1988, a referendum was defeated. The proposal was for the town to pay for two-thirds of the cost. The state would pay the remainder of the cost of the purchase and repair the dam and the spillway.

Also in 1988, the possibility of establishing a tax district around Lake Williams was raised as a way to purchase the lake. The idea was shot down by the state attorney general because there was no authority in setting up a second tax district around the lake.

"Eighteen months ago, I thought it was very important to offer the town something," Bauwens said. Bauwens said the purchase of the lake would increase the taxes approximately one mill a year spread over about five years. It would be a tax dollar purchase.

Bauwens told the Board of Finance on July 12 it would cost the town about a half million dollars amortized between three and five years.

"It's one pristine piece of property," Bauwens said. The proposed town property would be used as a fenced off recreation area with a gravel parking area and swimming facility. The lake would be limited to town residents.

Bauwens told the finance board the Lake Association would not have any say in the laws concerning the lake. The DEP would be in charge of the water rights, the dam and the laws of the water. "I don't see an enforcement problem," Bauwens

"We have hit numerous roadblocks," Bauwens said. "DEP Deputy Commissioner Dennis DeCarli has come up with ideas to work." Bauwens said the purchase of the lake would work with people like DeCarli helping out.

"It's the environmentally proper thing to do," Bauwens said. "to preserve 217 acres of water." Horsepower would be limited on the water. Bauwens said the

lake is not large enough for waterskiing or jetskiing.

Bauwens said it would put everybody at ease if the lake was to become state owned. "They (residents around the lake) will sleep better," Bauwens said, "they will have piece of mind."

The property values around the lake will either increase or stabilize after the lake was to be purchased.



Lebanon

# Selectman airs proposal for Lake Williams

By LEE FOSTER  
*Courant Staff Writer*

LEBANON — The first selectman thinks he finally has the solution to the longstanding Lake Williams problem. Now, all he has to do is convince the voters.

Richard Bauwens' plan is for the town to split with the state the cost of buying 18.5 acres of waterfront land and 66 acres on the lake bottom. As soon as the state determines how much it would pay for its share of the property, Bauwens said, he will propose a townwide vote to appropriate funds for the town's share.

Bauwens could not say how much voters would be asked to spend on the new plan until after the state reviews a professional appraisal Bauwens submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection last week. A state grant of about \$250,000 is available to help defray the town's cost, he said.

Several plans to gain control of the lake have been considered since

1979, when the state ordered the owners of the dam to make \$200,000 worth of repairs. Lawrence and Charles Gilman of Bozrah drained the lake several times to inspect the dam, killing fish and angering 150 owners of lakefront property. The Gilman brothers said the cost of repairs was too high and they would not remove the dam.

What makes the new plan different from the one rejected in 1988, Bauwens said, is that 11 acres of waterfront land would be owned by the town and used for recreational purposes.

"Eleven acres would be bought with tax money, so the town will have control over the area. We can limit access, charge admission or whatever we want."

A spillway and boat launch would be built on state property east of the dam, Bauwens said.

Bauwens said that in the new plan the DEP would have access to the dam to repair it. "They are committed for \$1 million in repairs,"

Bauwens said.

The state would also retain the water rights and state laws would pertain to activities on the water.



LAKE WILLIAMS BEACH ASSOCIATION  
NEWSLETTER - Sept. 5, 1989

Greetings to my fellow LWBA Members,

It's been 3 months since I accepted the Presidency of our Association and I'd like to bring you up to date on recent happenings. I hope to be able to keep you informed of LWBA news in this manner on a fairly regular basis, but it will be dependent on whether there is significant news to report. Please bear with me.

This year's list of Officers and Members of the Board of Directors is as follows:

President :	Gilbert A. Koss	62 Lake Williams Dr. (Cottage)	642-7336
	(Res)	POB 268 Broad Brook, CT 06016	623-9278
Vice-President :	Harley Atkins	246 Lake Shore Dr (Cottage)	642-7299
Treasurer :	Kent Sleath	194 Lake Shore Dr	(Cottage) 642-7945
Secretary :	Nancy Vicarro	157 Lake Shore Dr	(% Gierula) 642-7662
Tax Collector :	Phil Godeck	Lake Shore Dr	642-6292
Director :	Rose Miller	Lake Shore Dr	642-7141
Director :	Anne Steinhilber	Lake Shore Dr	642-7314
Director :	Audrey Koss	62 Lake Williams Dr	642-7336

These LWBA Officers & Board Members were voted and sworn in at the Annual Meeting in June of this year. There was a relatively small turnout of LWBA Members at the meeting, and few nominations for Officers. With the probable end to the lake problems in sight, I'm seeing an increase in activity by the membership since then. I hope that the trend continues. This is your lake and your association. Your participation and input into it's affairs is necessary!

Being a natural skeptic, I have questioned the future of Lake Williams for the last couple of years and I decided to take the bull by the tail and face the situation. I went down to the 1st Selectman's Office and had a discussion about the lake with Dick Bauwens. Dick discussed the situation with me very candidly and allowed me to examine all the correspondence on the subject that he had acquired over the years. I was impressed by the results he and his staff had attained over the last 2 years. The Department of Environmental Protection has allocated funds for most of the dam repair and is currently examining the Lake Williams Watershed Area. Additional funding is also available from other sources. I left with a very positive attitude! While there is nothing certain in this life, I'm convinced that the dam will be purchased and repaired within 3 years or less. The repair of the dam will necessitate the probable draining of the lake one more time. I don't know about you, but; I can live with that!

Dick has kindly consented to write a few words on the subject and I'm enclosing this on another page.

As an Association we have a Lake Committee that is in constant touch with Mr. Bauwens and we are also represented at meetings in Hartford with the D.E.P.

As we get steadily closer to resolving the lake problem I've noticed a definite improvement in many of the properties in the association. It's great to see that many members are taking pride in their estates. Keep up the good work! There are still a few areas that could use a cleanup, fix up, paint up, but I'm confident that improvement is only a

matter of time.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the people that have voluntarily spent time cleaning up the beach areas, especially 2nd beach. While it's a little late in the season to affect any serious improvements in LWBA properties, I'd like to plan ahead for the summer of 1990 and I need volunteers for a group effort to improve our beaches and other LWBA property in the Spring. Please contact me or any other Board member if you'd like to help.

In the same vein, if someone has the talent, we are in desperate need of a new Bulletin Board and some signs. Please contact me if you can help.

Our Tax Collector and Board of Directors Member, Phil Godeck, has an additional hat to wear as he has been appointed as "Safety & Security" Officer. In this capacity he has informed me that many association members are evidently not aware of the change in the Speed Limit from 25 M.P.H. on Lake Williams Drive to 20 M.P.H. on Lake Shore Drive. The change in Speed Limit occurs at the corner by 1st Beach. Blind curves and pedestrian traffic make a dangerous combination. Please do not exceed the posted limits.

Putting on his Tax Collector's hat, Phil would like to remind the few members that are delinquent in remitting this year's assessment that a 1-1/2% interest penalty is added each month after July 1, 1989 on each account in arrears. The LWBA Annual Budget is dependent on these payments. Please remit any overdue amounts so he can balance those books.

On a different note, the "Mile Long Tagsale" was successful, bringing in \$50 to the LWBA and much more \$ to many who participated.

The 41st LWBA Annual Picnic was also a high point this summer. While it's not supposed to be a Fund Raising event, we actually showed a \$25 profit and it was really a lot of fun! Thanks again to everyone that helped out, especially Jane & Kent Sleath who graciously donated the use of their property for this event.

As a reminder, I would like you to note a couple of items that may not be common knowledge. (a) While the Beaches and Boat Launch Area are available to all LWBA Members, the "ACRE" picnic area and pavilion are also available to members for group functions. While there is no fee for this use, it will be necessary to get a permit before you schedule any function at the "ACRE". This is both for insurance purposes and to make sure that the area is available. Please contact Audrey Koss at 642-7336 or 623-9278 to reserve the "ACRE" for your group. (b) The Board of Directors meets intermittently to make decisions effecting the LWBA. An announcement of a scheduled BOD Meeting is posted in advance on the Community Bulletin Board. This meeting is open to all LWBA members that wish to attend. While all voting at the Board of Directors Meeting is limited to only the BOD, this is a good place to bring up a subject that you may be concerned about. The Board can then act immediately on the matter or schedule the subject for another meeting, depending on time constrictions or subject matter.

In closing, I would like to state that I, like many others, did not get involved in LWBA activities in the past. Being an "armchair quarterback" and criticizing the efforts of others seemed like the easy way to handle things. Not so! Involvement has made me more confident and informed on the Lake Williams situation. Participating in LWBA activities has allowed me to meet and associate with some really nice people. My neighbors. If you're not active, you're missing out! Get the most from your LWBA Membership. Participate!

Best Regards,



Gilbert (Gil) Koss  
President LWBA

P.S. The LWBA has a new mailing address. If you wish to correspond or communicate with me or any Board members on LWBA business, please address any written material to:

Lake Williams Beach Association  
Box 52  
Lebanon, Connecticut 06249

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# State has 2/3-1/3 plan for Lake Williams

By JOHN PHILIP  
Staff Writer

LEBANON — The state Department of Environmental Protection Thursday unveiled a proposal for the town to pay two-thirds and the state a third of the cost of the Lake Williams dam and water rights.

According to the DEP plan, delivered Thursday afternoon to

First Selectman Ed Clark, the state alone would repair the dam and purchase land around the lake if the two-third, one-third deal can be negotiated with the lake owners, Lawrence and Charles Gilman.

"The proposals DEP has outlined in this letter represent our best efforts and best offer to resolve this problem and to

restore the use and amenity of the lake," DEP Commissioner Leslie Carothers wrote Clark. She also suggests meeting with the Gilmans and town officials to discuss it further.

According to the DEP, the dam is worth \$185,000 and the water rights are valued at \$175,000. Combined and updated, the total price for the

dam and water rights would be \$400,000, with the town paying \$266,667 and the state paying \$133,333. These estimates are based on a state-ordered appraisal last year which was the basis for the state's last offer to the Gilmans. The owners, however, turned that offer down because their own evaluations were three times higher than

those of the state.

The state has also agreed to seek another appraisal if that is acceptable to the Gilmans. The appraiser would be jointly agreed upon by the owners and the DEP.

In the latest proposal, the state would pay for all lands needed for public use of the lake. If swimming and boating

are to be permitted, the state would purchase 29 acres for swimming access at \$510,000 and 11 acres for \$80,000 to be used for dam repair and boating access.

According to the state's estimates, repairing the dam would cost about \$360,000

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bringing the state's total commitment to \$993,333 if swimming is provided for.

The town's share would remain \$266,667 under both options.

The DEP told Clark that decisions are now needed from all parties involved.

"If the DEP appraisal is

acceptable and the local community will fund the two-thirds share of that amount, we can move forward with the project, Carothers wrote Clark.

"If the DEP appraisal is unacceptable, but the option of procuring a third appraisal by a jointly selected appraiser is agreeable, we can pursue that option," she said.