

1979-80

The Annual Meeting was held on June 3, 1979

MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING 3 June 1979

329

1) REPORTS

1) TREASURER - BALANCE 1403.78

2) TAX COLLECTOR

BOTH REPORTS WERE GIVEN BY MR. GODECK.

See xeroxed copies for details.

Tax Collector proposed adaptation of a  
"Uniform Fiscal Year Changeover"

ex. July 1 - Jan 30. Will require 240. payments

NOMINATIONS:

That present slate of officers remain 2 weeks  
while nomination committee can  
comprise a slate. Motion was  
passed and a nominating committee  
with Jane Daddario and Rose  
Miller on that committee.

New meeting will take place  
2 weeks from 6/3/79.

Harriet Montie 642-6205

Jane Daddario 642-6086

Rose Miller 642-7141

Robin Siragusa 642-7653

Phil Godeck spoke concerning the  
beach committee and work needed.

Previous discussion concerning  
lack of interest on land owners  
behalf concerning participation in  
offices.

Rocks on the beaches and this  
caused when children play.

Further discussion ensued to remove trees on the beaches. It was mentioned that there was a rule in the by-laws that trees cannot be removed from beaches.

Motion was made to appropriate an additional \$200.00 to the beaches for sand for a total of \$600.00. It was mentioned that the proposed budget had not been voted on yet. The appropriation motion for an additional appropriation was retracted until the proposed budget could be voted on. 200.00 additional dollars were added to the 400.00 sand appropriation to bring it to a total of \$600.00. \$400. for sand and \$200.00 for misc. ↑

( Motion was made to take \$200.00 of the sand allotment for misc. improvements. motion was passed )

Phil Godeck concerning taxes. We continually encounter problems with Irregular land transfers. Phil suggested we adopt uniform fiscal year ~~as to~~ as required by State ~~Statute~~ Statute.

Phil Godeck

July 1st 1979

Made Motion that as of July 1 1979 we start collecting taxes in accordance with the uniform fiscal years as stated

Discussion followed

Motion was voted on and approved.

Mrs. Montie brought up disassion to put up a roped off area 100 feet from shore. It was mentioned that Assoc. jurisdiction only goes up to water-line. Mrs. Montie was told if she wanted to she could put her markers up since Assoc. could not rule on this.

Discussion concerning the dam took place. Various ~~is~~ concerns arose and it was recognized that we would probably have to pay for the dam repair.

Phil brought up the problem of roving dogs. He said that any more complaints will be passed onto the Dog Warden for him to come down and pick them up.

Phil brought up the problem of speeding and discussion followed.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting motion passed.

Dennis Hancock  
acting for Mary Anderson

LAKE WILLIAMS BEACH ASSOCIATION  
TAX COLLECTOR

1. Report of the tax collector for the Lake Williams Beach Association from June 1 1978 to May 31 1979.
2. As voted at 1978 Association meeting, the assesment of EIGHT DOLLARS ( \$8.00 ) per property owner shall be collected.
3. As of June 1 1978, there were 124 property owners.
4. 100% collection per owner would net \$992.00.

5. Collected from 116 property owners \$928.00.		\$ 928.00
3 liens were released for back taxes, 1973 \$ 1.15		
	1974 2.35	
	1976 16.00	
	1977 <u>16.00</u>	
	35.50	963.50
Interest collected on back taxes	37.17	1000.62
Lien fees collected	33.75	1034.37
1979 tax ( Ed Mosher )	8.00	1042.37

6. OUTSTANDING
 

1976	\$ 8.00	
1977	16.00	
1978	56.00	total \$80.00

 7 liens have been filed in 1978 for the above.

7. SUMMARY:

In order to collect late payments, 27 warnings were mailed, most replied with payments and a few with late charges which was imposed 60 days after the warning notice. 7 liens were filed for those who failed to make payments after the warning notice. There are still 2 liens outstanding for 1977 - 1976 to a total of \$24.00 plus interest which is accumulating until the lien is released.

We have cleared the books for the years of 1973, 1974 of back debts which now leaves only 1976, 1977, 1978 outstanding. As shown in PAR 5 of this report only \$928.00 was collected which is 93.6%. If we count the total collection with back taxes and interest the collection is 105.8%.

In this past year as in other years, property does change hands throughout the year and title searchers do not know or check with the association, so we are left out on collection, unless I know of the exchange and then contact the attorneys, then we receive the assesment, this becomes almost a full time job,

Chapter 110 of the State Statutes, Section 7-381 through 7-390 mandates each municipality adopt a uniform fiscal year beginning July 1st and ending June 30th which will take effect no later than July 1 1985. With this in mind I recommend to the association that not only we adopt the fiscal year as stated, and should start as of July 1 1979. This also means that each property owner, this year shall make a double ~~payment~~ <sup>collextion</sup>, one for the taxable year of 1978 and one for the new fiscal year. Same as the Town of Lebanon we will be collecting one year ahead instead of in the rear.

Your tax collector is a member of the TAX COLLECTOR ASSOCIATION OF CONN. and has attended a tax collectors conference on Nov. 6 1978 at the COLONY INN, Talcottville, a three day school on Mar 28,29,30 1979 at CROMWELL INN Cromwell and another conference on May 16 1979 at HOLIDAY INN, Meridian, all at his own expenses, these conference and schools are sponsored by the State Tax Department.

*Ed Mosher*

JWBA 1978-79 Treasurers Report  
6-3-79

		Expenditure	Income	Balance
<u>Recreation Fund</u>				
Balance	6-4-78			246 15
Accrued interest			12 54	
Balance	6-3-79			258 69
<u>General Fund</u>				
Balance	6-4-78			1012 99
Total Income			1042 37	2055 31
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Insurance: liability	101 00			
bonding	14 00	115 00		
Salaries: Collector	162 00			
Secretary	25 00			
Treasurer	25 00			
77-78 auditors	20 00	232 00		
Expenses: Lebanon Tax	146 81			
7 liens @ 3.50	24 50			
3 Tax release @ 3.75	11 25			
Safety Box rental	10 00			
Postage	69 15			
Constable Badge	25 00			
Office supplies	17 82	304 53		
Total Expenditures		651 53		1403 78

JWBA 1979-80 Proposed Budget  
6-3-79

		Expenditures	Income	Balance
6-3-79 General Fund Balance				1403 98
79-80 Expected Income 126x8			1008 00	<del>2411</del> 78
79-80 Anticipated Expenditures				
Insurance: liability	101 00			
bonding	14 00	115 00		
Salaries: Collector	150 00			
Secretary	25 00			
Treasurer	25 00			
Auditors	20 00	220 00		
Expenses: Sand	400 00			
79-80 Tax 2794 @ 60	165 84			
Safety Box	10 00			
Postage	140 00			
of Supplies	40 00	755 84		
Total Expenditures		1090 84		1320 94 <del>1420</del> 94

Lake Williams Beach Assoc.

Officers for 1979 - 1980

President Gloria Hanczar  
642-6197

Vice Presi Richard T Le Roy Jr.  
642-6412

Sec Raymond Miller  
642-7141

Treas Francis Adamcwiog  
642-7897

Tax Collector  
Philip Godiek Sr.  
642-6292

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Board of directors

1 yr. Stephen Pigan 642-6020

2 yr. Bernice Brenman 642-7780  
1 yr. left

1 yr. Tony Scragusa 642-7653

Committee Chairman

Law & Order Philip Godiek Sr

Zoning Raymond Mahoney  
642 7072

Roads & Beaches  
Picnic Harriet Montie  
642-6205

Health & San. William Bandjes  
642 6453

June 17 1979

Special meeting of Lake Williams Beach Assoc.

Purpose of meeting - Report of Nominating Committee and election of slate of officers for the coming year 1979/1980

The Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for each of the following

President Gloria Hanzar  
Vice Pres Richard Leroy  
Secretary Ray Miller  
Treas Frank Adamowicz  
Tax Collector Philip Godick Sr

Board of Directors

Stephen Pigan 1 yr  
Tony Sinagusa 1 yr

Bernice Berman + Ann Sturdebecker  
have by to go on 2 yr terms

The following people were appointed as committee chairmen

Law + order	Phil Godick Sr
Zoning	Ray Mahoney
Roads + Beaches	Harriet Monte
Health + San	William Pandys
Finance	Frank Adamowicz

The officers we sworn in by past Pres  
Richard Leroy



Next Business Picnic

Harriet Monte accepted to be chairman of the picnic. Mrs. Monte decided to check & see if enough people were interested in having a picnic and if the weather was positive to proceed with her plans.

A motion was made & seconded to appropriate \$60. for the expenses of a picnic. The motion was approved.

A motion to adjourn was made & accepted.

Ray Miller Sec

July 12 1979

Board of Directors Meeting

Discussion held in regard to trailer  
of Ellis also garbage on former  
same property - Bill Bandzus

Beaches sand - trees trenches  
for rain run off to prevent loss of  
sand

Presi to make sign for 3rd beach  
Bulletin board on first beach to  
be repaired  
Complaints were received about  
dogs on beaches

Phil Godick to contact Steve Pegan  
+ Bill Taylor in regards to by laws  
revision and update etc

Presi Hanezan to check about  
water level etc per Gelman

Board of director meetings to be  
held monthly Neft Aug. 14, 1979.

Ray Miller  
Sec

April 23, 1980

Special meeting of Lake Williams Beach Assn. Called to order at 7:38 PM by Pres Gloria Hanger.

A motion was made to appropriate fifteen (\$1500) to retain a lawyer to determine what grounds we have and where we stand in regards to the dam.

Motion was seconded —

A discussion followed

Two of the members present stated we pay taxes to the town — We should try to get the town to help with our problem.

Other points made were to get the D.E.P. involved — Support our Committee that has been trying to negotiate with Selman Bros. — Legislator would be needed to change our charter to include property owners across the lake.

Bill Taylor — a member of the committee agreed that we should retain a lawyer more familiar with the type of problem we have.

A Motion was made + seconded to table the first motion until another special meeting could be held and all property owners notified by mail.

The motion was passed

A motion to the effect that the  
~~It was adopted that the~~ Dept  
 of Environmental Protection and all  
 other interested parties be invited  
 to attend this meeting scheduled for

7:30 P.M. May, 14, 1980.  
 to be held at the Lebanon Comm.  
 Center

Motion was passed

Motion made to adjourn seconded &  
 passed.

Ray Miller  
 Sec.

May 14 1980

Special meeting at the Lebanon Community  
 House to consider a tabled motion to appropriate \$1500  
 for attorney fees to investigate the rights & responsibilities  
 of Mr. Gilman. Non-members of LWBA were invited  
 to discuss but not vote on the issue since  
 monies from LWBA are the funds at stake.

President Gloria Hansczar opened the meeting at  
 7:35 p.m. by setting up Roberts rules of order.

Mr. Robert Hatheway stated that \$1500.00 for attorney fees  
 would not go very far and that we may not have  
 a "lake" for the next five years by way of reprisal.

Mr. Green thinks we should appropriate the fees  
 otherwise we will remain in a state of flux and  
 remain at Mr. Gilman's mercy.

Mr. Hansegar asked that the president read some of the investigative questions 1) Does Mr. Gilman have any responsibility in the form of accountability for use of the water. 2) Statute of limitations 3) legality of the 999 year lease 4) water height determined by pins on markers 5) Fire Safety 6) Fish kill 7) who oversees the opening of the gate and specifically for what purpose 8) If Mr. Gilman cannot show need of water for stated purposes over a period of time, what can be done to relinquish control of the water or have controls implemented that the lake not be drained except in dire emergencies.

Mr. Karter (non-member of LWBA) stated that \$1500 would be ill spent since we all know Mr. Gilman has uninterrupted flow of water from Lake Williams to his plant in Gilman Ct. Ray said we should pay a negotiated assessment.

Mrs. Serbin (non-member) agreed with Mr. Karter.

Mr. Bob Hathaway said that relief from legislative action is unlikely since lobbyist fearing a precedence of water right denials would vigorously pursue defeat of any bill proposed to let the people have the use of the water. The lobbyist were identifying identified as those representing large companies in Ct. having water rights. The dam is in good shape - Only about the top 5 feet need patching. The Spillway may need to be enlarged. Bob recommended a workable committee make contact with Mr. Gilman and attempt to negotiate.

Mr. Green reiterated that we get an attorney and find out what we can or cannot do on the dam issue.

Mrs. Brennan disclaimed some of Mr. Kantor's assertions in the talks between the dam committee and Mr. Gilman. Both were on the committee. Mrs. Brennan strongly pleaded for an attorney.

Mr. Dennis Hanzogor wishes an attorney.

Mrs. Cindy Miller asked how the \$1500 was to be spent retainer. The chair answered for investigative purposes only.

Mr. Andrew Gobin asked if Mr. Gilman asked for \$10,000 verbally or in writing. Mr. Kantor said verbally.

Mr. Hanzogor may a motion to end discussion and vote on the issue. Mrs. Brennan seconded.

A vote was taken 14 in favor 12 against. Mr. Bob Hathaway asked for a recount. 14 for 11 against.

Mr. Bob Hathaway made a motion to reform the dam committee. Seconded by Andrew Gobin. Many people thought that Mr. Gilman would not talk with us as was reported to us by Mr. Taylor, the dam committee chairman.

Mr. Hathaway withdrew his motion as did his seconded Mr. Gobin.

Mr. Phil Grodeck Sr. made a motion to reinstitute the dam committee without labelling LWBA (it wasn't before) and not have the Assoc anything to do with the discussions.

Much discussion ensued relative to meaning of motion. Vote taken - motion denied.

Mrs. Taylor suggested that any findings of the Dam Committee be committed to the newly hired lawyer. The Chair thanked Mrs. Taylor and said it was a good idea.

The people "on the other side" were assured that the Assoc. was working for their benefit as well as for ourselves. Mrs. Newman (non-member) got the impression that the "Executive Committee" of the Assoc. hampered the working of the Dam Committee. The Chair worked overtime in saying we are not at cross purposes but wished a ready, unified and determined front to fight for a common good.

Frank Adamewicz made a motion that LWBA allot some money to have washed away sand on #2 beach boat launching ramp (caused by lake being lowered and #2 brook creating a gully) returned to the void - otherwise it is impossible to launch boats, motion was seconded. Short discussion took place. Vote taken. Motion denied.

A motion, seconded, and was implemented & the timepiece showed 9:02 pm

Francis Adamewicz for  
Raymond Miller Sec'y

June 1, 1980

## Low Water Level Called Fire Threat

### Lebanon

LEBANON — The owner of Kanter's Campground which fronts on Lake Williams property, Friday said the water level in Lake Williams is down about two and a half feet. He said water began draining out through the dam about three weeks ago and that dam owner Lawrence Gilman of Gilman Brothers, Inc. of Bozrah told him the water was needed for fire protection in the Bozrah plant. Residents say the water level never has been lower.

"I can't make it rain," Gilman said Monday. He said the water from Lake Williams is used for the company's Bozrah factory which makes polystyrene products. The dam was closed Friday. Gilman said he didn't know if it would be necessary to open it again. He said he was using only the water he needs.

Victor Galgowski, state superintendent of dam main-

tenance, said he has received a few calls about the lowered level of the lake, but has received calls from residents in other areas. He said dam owners must notify the state Department of Environmental Protection in advance if they plan to lower water levels enough to affect fish life and he hasn't been notified of any such intent by Gilman.

Gilman Brothers Inc. in February notified the 150-member Lake Williams association of a January DEP order to repair or remove the dam. In March, property owners met to elect a nine-member committee to meet with Gilman and discuss the possibility of sharing repair costs.

The DEP report requires Gilman Brothers Inc. to retain a professional engineer before 1980 to study necessary repairs. The report cites leakage, erosion and the possibility that the dam spillway may be inadequate.

Gilman said Monday he still is negotiating with engineering firms for a survey.

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### Lake Williams Dam Owner Asking Fees From Residents

Kendall, Martha

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## Lake Williams Dam Owner Asking Fees From Residents

By MARTHA KENDALL

LEBANON — The owner of the dam that controls the water level of Lake Williams is asking lake property owners to pay \$10,000 a year for the operation and maintenance of the dam, and maintenance of the water level during the summer.

Owner Lawrence Gilman, of Gilman Brothers, Inc. of Bozrah, was ordered last January by the state Depart-

ment of Environmental Protection to repair the Rt. 207 dam or destroy it. Gilman met with lake association president Richard Leroy Jr. last month to discuss sharing costs for the dam's repair.

After that meeting, a committee of property owners sent letters to about 150 property owners. The letter lists Gilman's request for \$10,000 each year for use of the lake, and for repair and

operation of the dam. According to the letter, the \$10,000 has no bearing on the cost of the repairs now required by DEP.

The proposed contract between land owners and the owners of the dam, which would begin in January, 1980, with a \$10,000 payment, states that Gilman Brothers would maintain the water level from May 1 to Sept. 1, unless there is a

drought. Repairs would be made in the off-season.

Property owners will meet Nov. 18 to discuss the situation.

DEP had said the dam should be maintained, debris cleared, the gate kept in working order, and the masonry repaired. It also cited leakage and erosion from the dam and indicated that the spillway might be inadequate.

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## Property Owners To Negotiate Lake Fee: Lebanon

Kendall, Martha F

*The Hartford Courant* (1923-1987); Nov 19, 1979;

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# Property Owners To Negotiate Lake Fee

### Lebanon

By MARTHA F. KENDALL

LEBANON — About 80 Lake Williams property owners Sunday agreed to negotiate with owners of the lake's dam over a \$10,000 a year assessment for use of the lake.

Lake owners Lawrence and Charles Gilman of Gilman Bros., of Bozrah, recently notified a committee of property owners of their intentions to ask property owners to pay the Gilman Bros. \$10,000 a year to use the lake, with the first payment

due in January. About 140 people own property along the 250-acre lake.

Lawrence Gilman last December was notified by the state Department of Environmental Protection to repair the Rt. 207 dam or destroy it, but he told property owners the assessment has no bearing on the repair costs.

Attorney William Taylor, a property owner, said he had, with three other committee members, met recently with the Gilmans and their attorney, George Gilman, to determine what the

owners would be willing to do in exchange for an assessment.

Taylor said they agreed, "in concept," to several points, including rebuilding the dam as required by the state, payments of insurance and taxes for the dam, and to maintain the level of the lake between May 1 and Sept. 1.

Taylor suggested that property owners request that the legislature create a special town taxing district for the lake in which the town would collect the assessment with taxes.

Property owners, in a

straw vote, agreed to have the committee investigate the formation of such a district, which the Board of Selectmen said would require a town meeting vote.

Selectman Edward Clark, who attended the meeting with First Selectman E. Russell Tollmann and Selectman Robert Leone, said the formation of a district would be up to the town.

Residents also instructed the committee to pursue negotiations with the Gilmans regarding the amount of the assessment, which committee member Blanch Newman

called "negotiable."

Some residents requested that the committee ask the Gilman's to disclose repair costs before an assessment was agreed upon, but several committee members said the Gilmans have consistently refused to do so. Many residents agreed with one property owner, who called the \$10,000 figure "absurd."

Taylor told property owners that the committee of seven would continue negotiations with the Gilmans but would call another meeting before any final action could be taken.

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