

**WOPWA Annual Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**July 26, 2014**  
**Holderness Historical Society**  
**(FINAL - last updated 8/12/2014 - as approved at 7/25/15 Annual Meeting)**

Present: Ann Knight, Will & Lois Stratton, Mr. & Mrs. Falby, Janet Cocchiaro, Bonnie Hunt, Bob Maloney, Will Brown, Anne Levin, Peter Levin, Blake and Anne Ireland, Galen Beach, Roger Uhler, Jude Ruhm, EB James, Kevin Frank, Kathy Weymouth, Tink Taylor, Sid Lovett, Eileen Lovett, Nancy Smith & Sara Rothschild

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by President Bob Maloney. All attendees introduced themselves. 27 members, including Board Members were present.

**Approval of Minutes From 7-20-13 Annual Meeting**

Motion for approval of Meeting Minutes from the July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Annual Meeting made by Anne Ireland and seconded by Lois Stratton. The minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting were approved unanimously.

**Treasure's Report**

Two sources of additional revenue - contributions and earnings.

Membership has fallen off which affects our revenue.

Treasurer's Report – Started year with **\$2634.17**

We took in **\$871** in dues, interest and craft sales.

Our expenses totaled **\$1104**, which is in excess of our revenues by **\$232.71**.

Our expenses include \$900 in donations, \$160 in water testing and \$44 administrative fees.

Our closing balance as of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2014 is **\$2401.46**.

Mary Perry Fund started the year with **\$13,342**. Our contributions were **\$850** and our earnings were **\$124**. Our closing balance as of May 31<sup>st</sup> 2014 is **\$14,316**.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Kevin Frank. Seconded by Bonnie Hunt. Treasurer's report accepted.

**Website: [www.wopwa.org](http://www.wopwa.org)**

Login is first initial last name.

Expenditure is to a maximum to \$250 to get the website updated by Nancy Voorhis.

**Water Quality Report**

Samples taken this spring. Do not know the results. Passing until next year. Galen is not present. *However she did show up JIT (just in time)!!!*

The Plymouth lab is no longer in service this year. Everything is going through Concord again and they have been very helpful. We are trying to work with Plymouth State University's schedule for getting the samples to Concord.

There was a question regarding lily pads and how to eliminate overgrowth. Janet weeds in front of her property. Kevin Frank's 91 year old brother planted the first lily pads in the pond at the bequest of his father's first father-in-law.

Galen advised everyone to go to the DES website for storm water management and watch for conductivity, particularly near the dump reservoir. Chloride testing is being performed at stations where the conductivity is the highest. Good policy to prevent run off into the water. All other levels are below state medians. No milfoil problems. The lake shore is protected. No real problems. We have a beautiful, healthy pond!

### **Membership & Updates**

2013 there were 43 members and in 2014 there are only 26 members thus far.

We have a good list of the people in the watershed.

What to do with the membership brochures? Where should we distribute?

Lois will get some new brochures updated with the new Board Members and distribute.

Membership is appreciated.

Everyone should check their WOPWA membership form and indicate any changes.

How do we know if we sent in our dues? Unless we get a reminder, we have no idea if we sent in our dues.

We will go back to sending out self-addressed envelopes to potential members.

Can we pay in advance for additional years? Yes, the question is how do we track the membership dues of those that pay for more than one year.

Ann Levin would like to make a recommendation for an honorary member – Barry Eastman.

Last year was the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the George Levin Memorial Dam. Sid gave the dedication speech about water.

Janet has been planting the flowers.

There are pictures of the celebration on the WOPWA website..

Ann's daughter, Susan, is designing a new WOPWA t-shirt. Should we order children sizes? Janet suggested ordering ahead.

First shirt done around 1979.

Hoping to have complete by end of August early September.

### **Conservation Projects on White Oak Pond**

There are no active projects at this time

### **EB James Presentation**

How to partner with Squam Lakes Association?

### **Open Discussion**

Storm of 1938 – Meteorologist at Plymouth State on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 @ 7pm. The Hurricane affected White Oak Pond immensely. Janet can take up to 10 people to the Presentation.

Any pictures of White Oak Pond we would like to have to make *copies*.

### **Dam & Its Maintenance**

Walter Johnson is about to start his 10<sup>th</sup> year as town administrator. The town of Holderness owns the dam, under the protection of the Board of Selectman. We work with Barry Eastman on the maintenance and operations of the dam. Barry keeps the selectman informed at least once per year. The Town of Holderness owns only the dam. The Rothschild's own the land. We pay a license fee of \$400 / year and we give Barry a stipend.

Capital fund for repairs and other maintenance is about \$12,000. Part of our tax dollars is contributed to that fund. Some issues need to be addressed.

Barry may do the repairs this fall. It will be communicated to all. In order to do the repairs, it may take a significant draw down to get that accomplished. Will do what we need to with as little impact on the environment as possible.

Barry manages the dam under his own expertise. Did Barry open the dam on his own? How long would the drawdown take? It is unknown, depending on the extent of the problem. The natural drawdown level is 4' and the water would replenish rapidly. Ann Levin took pictures of the last drawdown. Where are they?

Walter Johnson reminded everyone that the Dam is for sale.

Send note to Barry to be sure he knows we want him to be an Honorary Member. Bob will draft a letter and run it by Janet and also do a press release.

### **Loon Banding**

Harry Vogel has postponed loon banding on White Oak Pond because they have been extremely busy with all the new chicks that hatched this year!

### **Nomination & Election of Officers & Board Members**

The following officers and board members were elected by unanimous vote

#### **Board of Directors**

President        Bob Maloney *Final term AGAIN*  
Vice President   Kevin Frank  
Secretary:        Jude Ruhm  
Treasurer:        Will Stratton *Final term for the 14<sup>th</sup> time*

**We expressed thanks to Mimzie for all her years of service as our Secretary!!!**

#### **Nominations:**

Susan Levin to replace Ann Levin

Roger Uhler

Bruce Falby

**Current Board Members:**

Kathy Weymouth, (Ann Levin – stepping down), Michael Bogdanow, Will Brown, Galen Beach, Blake Ireland, Lois Stratton, Corrine Hirsch, Marty Hirsch

Motion to accept new board members made by Ann Levin and seconded by Kevin Frank. Unanimously approved.

**Weed Watchers:**

Everyone should be looking for weeds. Take a sample and bring it to Bob or the SLA for analysis.

The following donations will be made this year:

New Hampshire Lakes Association Dues	\$300 (Dues)
Loon Preservation Committee Donation	\$100
Holderness Historical Society	\$100

Motion to donate \$100 to Holderness Historical Society made, seconded and unanimously approved.

**Wildlife Sightings**

Bears, Otter in Kevin Frank’s property. 2 Loons on White Oak Pond near the Brown Property. Water snake was seen bringing a fish to shore seen by Will Brown. Grandchildren have been gathering large amounts of fresh water mussels. Fresh water mussels indicate a healthy body of water. Janet saw an osprey this spring.

Eagles and 3 chicks (on Long Island on Squam—A new nest this year)

Bull Moose on Columbus Day weekend at the Falby’s!

Danger of lead to loons. Bass fisherman will honor the law of banning lead from fishing.

At the beginning of 2017 lead will not be legal in this state.

Next and final board meeting will be on August 16<sup>th</sup> at Bob Maloney and Bonnie Hunt’s home.

FYI: Squam Lakes Conservation Society Annual meeting 8/22/14, 10 AM, Leavitt Farm—Ashland

Kathy Weymouth was thanked for arranging for the food for the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 by Bob Maloney

Respectfully submitted,

Jude Ruhm  
Secretary