

Friends of Bolton Lakes
Annual Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2013
Minutes

Board Members attending: Nancy Carini, Karl Prewo, Cheri Smith, Peter VanDine, Mark Turkington, Holly MacDonald, Shelly Jewell, Jerry LaLancette, (Leona Crosskey attended through Treasurer's Report by phoneA)

Members attending: Kim Welch, Jeff Phelon, David Forrest, Rose Hiskes, Graham MacDonald, Lauren Lalancette, JoAnn Brugaletti, Grant Davis, Laurie DiMauro, Lisa Brooks

1. Vice President Nancy Carini welcomed attendees and introductions were made.
2. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2013 FBL Board Meeting. Minutes will be posted on the FBL website.
3. A motion was made and passed to amend the FBL By-Laws to increase the number of board members from nine to eleven (also increasing the number of board members from Vernon).
4. The Slate of Board Officers was read and terms of office reviewed. This schedule was adopted when FBL incorporated in January 2013 to ensure that the entire board did not turnover at one time. Results of vote as follows:
 - Board Members Holly MacDonald and Mark Turkington were elected for a two-year term from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015.
 - Board Member Jerry Lalancette was elected for a three-year term from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.
 - New Board Members Jeffrey Phelon and David Forrest were elected for a three-year term from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.
 - Officers with continuing terms:
 - Leona Crosskey, President, term expires December 31, 2015
 - Nancy Carini, Vice President, term expires December 31, 2014
 - Shelly Jewell, Secretary, term expires December 31, 2015
 - Karl Prewo, Board Member, term expires December 31, 2014
 - Peter Van Dine, Board Member, term expires December 31, 2014
 - Cheri Smith, Treasurer, term expires December 31, 2015
5. Accomplishments and update (See attached document "Friends of Bolton Lakes 2013 Activities and 2013 Accomplishments.")
 - P&W Remaining funds—approximately \$1,900 remains. Shelly Jewell reported that Pratt & Whitney was amenable to considering proposals for the remaining funds. We need to learn when the money needs to be spent. Discussions regarding remaining funds included purchasing an underwater camera and water monitoring equipment and/or developing a watershed management plan.
6. Treasurer's and Membership Report—Cheri Smith
 - There are 98 paid members. Membership dues, fundraising efforts (t-shirts hat and coyotes) have generated \$85 in income and the \$5,000 check for the grant from Pratt

and Whitney produced total income of \$11,442.50. \$7,713.66 in costs included incorporation fees, insurance, supplies and the website. Current balance is \$3,728.84.

7. Updates from Town Committees

- Finance Committee—Peter VanDine reported the Board of Finance is just beginning the budget process for next year.
- Board of Selectmen—Shelly Jewell reported information regarding the Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path, and Gwen Marion’s news regarding the use of previously-awarded grant funds to explore the possibility of extending the multi-use trail from Bolton Notch Pond eastward. This extension would provide access to the trail system from the eastern side of town and possibly connect the trail to recreational assets such as the boat launch on Bolton Lake and Indian Notch Pond. The STEAP grant contract is still under development. The long-term plan includes continued studies and treatment; however, Karl Prewo researched the STEAP grant program and noted that the funding may be for capital projects only.
- The Inland Wetlands Commission did not meet in October; however, work with the Bolton Lake House property continues to stabilize the area.
- Conservation Commission—Shelly Jewell reported that the CACIWC Conference is scheduled for Saturday, November 16; the vacancies on the Commission will likely not get filled before January 2014; the RBV will occur on Sunday, November 17; the BCC is planning to meet with the Commissioners in Vernon, Tolland and Coventry to begin to discuss a watershed management plan.

8. Committee Reports

- Science—the Science Committee reported milfoil resurgence on Middle Bolton Lake; continued lack of water clarity and the need for a watershed study which would include civil engineering expertise combined with lake science. Peter Van Dine informed members that Fuss and O’Neil can submit a proposal for a watershed management plan. A motion was made and passed to ask them to proceed (at no cost). Grant Davis noted that three different studies by Fuss & O’Neil have occurred over the years, but the lakes have changed significantly.
- Education—a committee chair is still needed.
Communications—a motion was made and passed to hold off on another print newsletter. Electronic communications work for the majority of members.
- Fundraising—the June tag sale and sale of t-shirts, hats and coyotes have been a success. A membership drive including a mailing will take place in early 2014. Additional fund raising activities with a fundraising goal will occur next year.

9. Lake Commissioner’s report—Kim Welch

- The ERT report has not yet been received.
- The town was still waiting for the contract from DEEP regarding the STEAP grant. Discussion has included lake management and water quality. Karl Prewo researched the STEAP grant program and noted that the funding may be for capital projects only.
- The Middle Lake is down 24” and holding. The Lower Lake is down approximately 14.”
- It is migratory season for geese, but the local population is lower than past years.

10. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with thanks to all. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Jewell, Secretary
Friends of Bolton Lakes