

Hubbard Beach Association

Membership Meeting

Saturday, August 5, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM. HBA President Kate Donovan presided over the meeting. 32 members were present. The officers and members introduced themselves.

Secretary Report- Sue Griffiths (filling in for Secretary Christine O’Hurley) - Minutes from the Saturday, May 27, 2023 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report – Kevin Boyle – Checking account balance \$3,403.82 CD Balance \$6,329.21 Treasurer’s report was approved. Total of 141 Homeowners [125 members (paid for 2023) 16 members (unpaid for 2023)]
Cash available (without CDs) \$2,903.82 because of some anticipated expenses for the rest of the year.

Elections:

President: Paul Arnstein was unanimously voted HBA President for a 2 year term (2024-2026)

Secretary: Melissa Stevenson was unanimously voted HBA Secretary for a 2 year term (2024-2026)

HBA Director: Caren Arnstein was unanimously voted for another 5 year term as a HBA director (2023-2028)

HBA Director: Christine O’Hurley was unanimously voted to finish Paul Arnstein’s director position (2023-2027)

The Association would like to thank past president Kate Donovan and past secretary Christine O’Hurley for their 5 years of dedicated service to HBA. We are forever grateful.

Beach Chairperson Report: Ken Taylor: Boat Ramp Repair Status:

At the Spring HBA meeting (May 27) the attending members and the HBA Board was informed by one of our members, of the boat ramp plates shifting due to winter ice issues. Ken and Treasurer Kevin Boyle immediately started investigating a repair strategy. Ross Bagley (original 2016 ramp contractor), Ames Associates, and Folsom Design & Construction Management (company that secured NH Dept. of Environmental Services permits) were all contacted. Permits and ramp construction has always been expensive, but as you know, as time goes on, these things go up even more. Prices go up, but so doesn’t the wait for permits and construction to happen. Warnings to the membership went out to use the ramp at their own risk this season and use it for small watercraft.

Vice-President Tom Donahue is going to look into the possibility of wading through the permit process on our own to avoid the cost of the Folsom Co. Be assured your HBA Board is working on the issue and will have more to report at the Spring 2024 meeting. This pressing issue led the Board to propose a dues increase. (See Dues Increase below)

Ken finished his report that beach behavior has been fine this season, with a small issue during the July 4th weekend. The Beach Weekly Monitoring Program has gone well. Many thanks to the volunteers. There were two late summer weeks still open for monitors. The Summer Pizza Social (August 5 at 5 PM) has been organized by Ken & Sheila Taylor. Pizza will be supplied by Meredith Pie Guys, with salad, lemonade, and yummy desserts to fill out the menu. Ken & Sheila always try to use

local merchants for our social events. Ken and the board decided to low key the menu due to budget constraints. 50 attendees have signed up. Many thanks to the Taylors for all their hard work toward our social events.

Dues Increase: HBA dues were voted on and raised in 2013 from \$15 a year to \$25. Dues have been kept at this level for 10 years. Many improvements have occurred at our beach since then. At least three tree cutting sessions (dead/dangerous trees), resurfacing of the driveway, professionally painted HBA signs, more picnic tables purchased, beach sand purchases, beach chairs, and our attempt to bring more of our members together with the early June wine social and the August picnic. Hubbard Beach is a jewel shared by all the members, whether you use it often or not. Just think of the equity of it toward your property value.

Our Treasurer, Kevin Boyle reports that prospective dues for year 2024 at \$25 would bring in an estimated \$3,200. In order to meet our coming needs in operating our beautiful beach, the board proposed a yearly dues increase to \$50 per year. The members present voted unanimously To approve this increase. **Kevin Boyle will send out the new dues bill (\$50 per year) to each household in the early spring.**

Please mark your calendars: Saturday, May 25, 2024 Beach Clean-up volunteers needed at 9 AM
Spring Membership Meeting: Saturday, May 25 at 11 AM (at the beach)

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM

Respectfully submitted, Susan Griffiths, (fill in for Christine O’Hurley HBA secretary)

After the meeting adjourned, the assembled members heard from representatives of
Lake Winnepesaukee Association LWA: Pat Tarpey
Lakes Region Conservation Trust LRCT: Don Berry

LWA is the only non-profit to protect Lake Winnepesaukee since 1976. They focus on monitoring, restoration, science, and education concerning our lake. Pat gave a very informative and impelling talk about what needs to be done to protect the lake we all love. Please go to their website www.winnepesaukee.org to read about their many efforts and to possibly become a member or make a donation.

LRCT is a land trust established since 1979. Don Berry was an excellent speaker Their mission is to conserve our lakes, forests, and mountains for all of us now and future generations. Since 1979, they have acquired 171 properties and 29,029 acres. This property is used for recreation, trails, views, water quality, preservation of community character, and to conserve wildlife habitats. One of their properties near and dear to HBA is Stonedam Island with its small dock, walking trails, and picnic areas. Please go to their website lrct.org for more information and consider making a donation. You can specify your donation’s destination, perhaps Stonedam Island.