



# **FLIA ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 17, '23 10AM**

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**2023 EVENTS – PLEASE WRITE DOWN NOW**

Saturday, June 17, 2023	ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AT THE GROVE	10:00 AM
Saturday, July 1, 2023	INDEPENDENCE DAY BOAT PARADE (RAIN DATE 7/2)	7 PM
<b>OCTOBER 15 +/- TBD</b>	<b>PULL DAM GATE</b>	
MILFOIL HARVESTING WILL TAKE PLACE ALL SEASON LONG, DATES AND TIMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS THE NEED ARISES		

## **AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING**

Let's all give a Forest Lake welcome to our new neighbors, and encourage them to join the FLIA: Stephen & Anne Gapp, Marc & Julie Richard, Robert & Patricia Patten-Spruill/Moreno, Carol Rice (new FLIA member), Rock City Ventures, Debbie Scobie & Fred Nassiff, and Judith & Tegan Watson.

**WELCOME TO THE LAKE!**

**“RULES OF THE ROAD” FOR THE MEETING:**

**KEEP TO 1 HOUR**

**WE ARE ASSUMING THESE MATERIALS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED IN ADVANCE BY THE MEMBERSHIP, AND WILL NOT BE COVERED IN DETAIL AT THE MEETING.**

**IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE SUBMIT QUESTIONS IN ADVANCE TO THE BOARD – WE WILL TRY TO ANSWER IN ADVANCE.**

**WE WILL HAVE SOME TIME FOR QUESTIONS AT THE MEETING, GIVEN TIME CONSTRAINTS**

**ISSUES (AS OF THIS WRITING) REQUIRING A VOTE ARE:**

- 1. MINUTES FROM LAST YEAR (ATTACHED)**
- 2. THE REVISED CONSTITUTION (ATTACHED)**
- 3. ELECTION OF BOD MEMBERS WITH EXPIRING TERMS (BELOW)**
- 4. USE OF HIGH YIELD SAVINGS ACCOUNT**
- 5. MULTIPLE SIGNATUREES FOR CHECKING ACCOUNT**

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## FOREST LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

### Annual Financial Report

As of 5/31/2023

Balance of Accounts at annual meeting 2022 145,277.03

#### Receipts:

2022 Dues Paid (85 total; 13 paid after last Annual Meeting)	520.00
2023 Dues Paid (43 total so far)	1,720.00
Additional Contributions *	36,862.00
Interest	35.96
Apparel Income (net income \$233.74)	<u>800.00</u>

Total Receipts 39,937.96

#### Expenditures:

Tax Filing Fees	(795.00)
HL Turner - Dam Project	(31,892.50)
Town of Winchester Milfoil FLIA Share	(466.67)
Bank and PayPal Fees	(509.23)
Post Office Box Renewal Fee	(96.00)
Apparel Costs	(566.26)
Milfoil Fence	<u>(69.98)</u>

Total Expenditures (34,395.64)

Balance of Accounts 5/31/2022 150,819.35

\* Includes \$25,000 warrant article donation from the Town of Winchester

Does not include dues and donations received or expenses paid after 5/31/2023.

Respectfully submitted, Susan J. Abt, Treasurer

HIGH YIELD SAVINGS ACCOUNT

MULTIPLE SIGNATORIES ON CHECKING ACCOUNT

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

**43 MEMBERSHIPS PAID TO DATE. COMPARED WITH TOTAL OF 85 LAST YEAR.**

**Thanks to all who have paid. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to become dues paying members of the FLIA.**

As always, you can pay on our FLIA PayPal link below. Or mail a check to the FLIA PO box 117 Winchester, NH 03470. Dues are \$ 40 per year. We encourage you to round up to \$ 100 or \$ 200, or more. All money over and above the dues goes into the dam & milfoil programs.

If you prefer, you can bring a check to the annual meeting!

**GO HERE TO USE PAYPAL OR DOWNLOAD SNAIL MAIL FORM**

<https://forestlakenh.com/flia-membership>

(Thanks to Lauren for making improvements to the website to make it easier to use)

**CALL FOR VOTE ON LY MINUTES AND NEW CONSTITUTION - BOTH ATTACHED AT END**

## BOD SLATE

We currently have **2 OPENINGS**. None of us can fulfil her/his role without help. Each function needs help via volunteers to complete tasks; e.g. Rex Vollentine (Thank you, Rex) provides pontoon “taxi” for VLAP. Please contact any BOD members to let us know how you may want to get involved as a Board member or as a volunteer “helper.”

EXIST/NEW	PROPOSED TERM END	TITLE / DUTIES	NOTE
John	6/25	<b>PRESIDENT</b> File the State of NH 5-year lake management program as required. Manage / backup the Directors Lead spokesperson for the FLIA Maintain relationships with town, state, and federal authorities	<b>EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>
Dave	6/25	<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> Be prepared to conduct any and all tasks associated with the Pres. File the 5 yr Operation, Maint. and Response plan & Town EMP Oversee the installation and removal of the spillway gate seasonally as required. Oversee annual dam operations, repairs, landscape Be prepared to manage emergency needs and request assistance Work with DES Dam for inspections and approvals on repairs. Approve the annual dam fee payments Stream gage recording <i>TEMPORARY: Oversee the dam mitigation renovation program</i>	<b>DAM</b>
<b>OPEN</b>	6/25	<b>SECRETARY</b> Maintain notes of Association and Executive Board meetings. File Articles of Incorporation when they change Post BOD minutes to the membership via email and web thru the Web Master Verify all votes and record results. Back up to social media oversight Maintain the Constitution, including revisions.	<b>COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORD KEEPING</b> <b>Doug is helping in this role temporarily.</b> <b>We need someone to take over NOW.</b>
Sue A	6/25	<b>TREASURER</b> Manage accounts and all monies of the Association, receive all dues and gifts, and pay bills approved by BOD officer. Keep an itemized report of all monies spent and received and report at the annual business meeting.	<b>TREASURY &amp; TAX</b>

File all state and federal tax forms, charitable contribution forms and banking requirements.  
 Manage quick books, send membership invoices, annual tax donation forms

Sue B	8/24	MILFOIL DIRECTOR	MILFOIL
Prepare annual grant requests Coordinate during the year with DES members Manage outside chemical and harvesting vendors Oversee the installation and removal of the Milfoil barrier in the campground channel. Work with the town to coordinate necessary signatures & vendor payments Request bi-annual GPS surveys of milfoil locations Survey the lake for milfoil clusters and mark them			

Doug	8/24	VLAP DIRECTOR	WATER QUALITY
Schedule and manage all water testing on the lake and tributaries Work with DES VLAP coordinator Manage the Weed watchers program on the lake in conjunction with DES Monitor seasonal cyanobacteria conditions			

OPEN (Pat J)	8/22	MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR	MEMBERSHIP and CONTACT INFO
Maintain member address, names, phones and e-mail addresses Follow up annually for membership payments Track annual membership numbers, verify roll call lists Responsible for notifying various Directors if any member info changes Send e-mail reminders for membership payments Send Welcome Letters to new members			Pat is fulfilling this role on an interim basis. We need someone NOW to take this over.

Meg	6/25	SOCIAL DIRECTOR	SOCIAL EVENT PLANNING & EXECUTION
Plan and manage social gatherings File parade permit request annually Coordinate clothing programs for the members as required Develop and coordinate social activities to keep the membership connected Explore social media options (for fostering connections) with Web Master Hand out welcome information and greet new owners			

Lauren	6/25	WEB MASTER	INTERNET / SOCIAL MEDIA
GoDaddy management E-mail system organization Weekly review and oversight of social media to notify various BOD members of potential action items			
George	6/25	DIRECTOR AT LARGE	HELP AND CROSS TRAIN
Support Executive Committee Members Fill in on tasks when a BOD is not present If a long term member mentor and train new BOD's as needed If new on the BOD, work with BOD members and cross train			

## CALL FOR VOTE ON BOD SLATE

### MILFOIL UPDATE

The milfoil net has been installed at the mouth of the campground channel.

DES should be down to Forest Lake sometime early to mid-June, and will report back what they find. We will not have dates on Aqualogic harvesting milfoil until after the DES survey is completed. Milfoil was spotted this Spring while kayaking in the south end of the lake, as it has been in the past.

Last year DES put us in touch with an independent diver, Mike Davidson, who assists us in monitoring and harvesting of milfoil in shallow waters. Mike has become a valuable resource for us, as he is certified in milfoil harvesting. He has agreed to help us again this year. If you see an orange float in the water it means that there's milfoil or a possibility of milfoil in the area. Please do not go between the orange marker and the shoreline so the milfoil won't get broken up and spread to other areas of the Lake. If you see a red diver's flag please keep your distance for diver's safety. If you see any pieces of milfoil floating, even if you are unsure if it is milfoil, please pick them up, put them in a plastic bag, and put them in the trash.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer on Forest Lake. Thank you for taking the time to read about our milfoil mitigation efforts.

Susan Baney and her able assistant, Tim Baney

## VLAP WATER TESTING

We received a report from the state that is the analytical result of what we sent in last summer, and are still “digesting” the data. We are scheduled to do our 1<sup>st</sup> testing this year on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

## CYANOBACTERIA

While cyanobacteria are natural components of water bodies, the frequency and intensity of blooms is directly related to the conditions of rainfall (drought), excessive heat causing higher water temperatures and occasional intense rainstorms that flush nutrients from the land into the lake. If the bloom is extensive, it can take several weeks (as we experienced last year) for the bloom to die and dissipate.

**You cannot tell if a bloom is toxic by looking at it so assume it is and stay away from the water.**

For more information:

NH DES Fact Sheet – NH DES Fact Sheet Cyanobacteria in NH

Visit the NHDES Beach Program website for photos and more information about cyanobacteria at: Harmful Algal Blooms | NH Department of Environmental Services

Updates on cyanobacteria advisories can be viewed on the Beach Advisories Map:

[www4.des.state.nh.us/WaterShed\\_BeachMaps/](http://www4.des.state.nh.us/WaterShed_BeachMaps/)

and on the Healthy Swimming Mapper: [www.des.nh.gov/water/healthy-swimming/healthy-swimming-mapper](http://www.des.nh.gov/water/healthy-swimming/healthy-swimming-mapper)

## DAM PROJECT UPDATE

### EASEMENTS

25% completed. The attorney has the top down view understood. The survey team ran into conflicts with lots of missing monuments. Sorting out the details but should have new drafts by June.

### ENGINEERING AND DESIGN

65% completed. The overtopping design has been abandoned due to ugliness. The new design is a wider concrete spillway with a 20 foot discharge chute. The current one is 10 feet. Raise the earth crest by about a foot and dig in a cutoff wall the full length. Lots of washout debris and silt were found in the borings. In short, the dam is decaying from the top and the bottom, slowly. A positive note is a cutoff wall will reduce lost water in drought conditions. Possible July completion for the drawings.



## FUND RAISING

We are not actively pursuing any new efforts in the private sector. If opportunities with local businesses pop up we will move on those. Savings Bank of Walpole gave us another \$1000.

## TOWN FUNDING

The Warrant Article passed on last year's ballot for \$25,000, which we used to pay some of our Engineering & Design bills. Thanks to the Select Board and all who voted for the Warrant Article.

## FEMA MITIGATION GRANT

Application for \$279,000 has been submitted and we survived the first cut. Just filed a report to support questions for round two. 125 pages long so far. FEMA moves slowly and likes lots of information. We may have a challenge on our hands supporting the Benefit Cost Analysis calculator that says if they give us \$ 279,900 we will save \$279,900 in downstream damage. FEMA works off numbers and their famous BCA Calculator software. If the numbers don't come out or you can not substantiate, you're out.

## FEMA SURVEY OF "FLOOD EVENT" DAMAGE

There are 17 requests for information circulating around town. We received verbal reports that folks had property damage after the flood of July 2021. We need that information, substantiated, in order to handle the FEMA challenges. If you hear conversation about the requests, please talk them up, we need all the support info we can get our hands on.

## CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING REQUESTS (CDS)

Our State Rep Jennifer Rhodes hooked us up with Chris Coates, Cheshire County administrator who has helped us apply for a Senator Sheheen funding opportunity. Unfortunately, our request was met with a recommendation that we apply for FEMA funding. Low hazard, minimal impact dams are numerous and are very low or not on the list. We have to accept the fact that we are working hard to protect something valuable to us, but not high on anyone's priority list.

## OBSTACLES

We are in one of these strange places. Work hard, be optimistic, complete the grant requests, but understand that the FLIA is not a municipal organization and federal money tends to only go to public agencies. If the dam was owned by the town there would be a lot of money to get at. Even though we have 100% support from the Selectboard (in writing) and our town administrator, we have a seven foot tall, low hazard dam on private property.

**PICKLE FESTIVAL                  Saturday, Sept 23 from 10AM – 4PM**

**KEEP OUR "CAUSE" IN FRONT OF THE TOWN  
INFORMATION ABOUT DAM, GARMENT SALES, DONATIONS  
SET UP BOOTH 8AM-10AM; 2 HR SHIFTS 10AM-4PM**

**We need volunteers to cover four 2 hour "shifts."**

**Please let any BOD member know if you are available to help.**

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Social gatherings are an important ingredient in building a “village”. This year the board is hosting a Happy Hour June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Special thanks to Sue Abt for hosting (again) at her house. Additional annual social events are under consideration. Anyone with ideas, interest in hosting, and/or willingness to assist please tell Meg (860-324-7200) or any other Board member how and when you may like to get involved.

Also, please see attached Lake Reminders for important information and safety/etiquette reminders.

**Separate attachments below: Minutes of last year’s meeting  
Updated constitution  
Lake Reminders**