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MLPOA 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes July 19, 2025

After attendees were greeted and signed in Michael Romanow, MLPOA President opened the 2025 Annual Meeting, held at the Rindge Recreation Center on Wellington Road, Rindge, NH, at 9:00AM. There were 69 members present, which exceeded the number of members required to secure a valid voting requirement for any item(s) in need of a vote.

The following is an overview of the meeting for member review and the association records.

The following slate of officers was presented for consideration and approved by the membership:

OFFICERS:

President Michael Romanow — 1 year remaining

Vice President Jeffrey Eisenberg

Treasurer John Cantin

Secretary Laureen Moran

BOARD MEMBERS

John Cantin

Chris Dipre

Jane Fluharty

Stephen Gray

William Gunther

Susan Kochinskas

Jennifer Marszalek

Laureen Moran

Chris Peahl

Douglas Redfield

Michael Romanow

Phil Simeone

Don Wilson

Proposed MLPOA By-Law Amendments — Several changes were made to the By-Laws. All changes were approved by unanimous vote. The full, updated By-Laws are available on the MLPOA website. (<https://monomonac.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/MLPOA-Bylaws-Amendments-through-July-19-2025.pdf>)

Treasurer's Report — Jack Cantin reported total income for the year at \$18,535, the majority from dues collected. The total expenses for the year were \$11,185, the majority of which were to protect and preserve the health of our lake. The balance in the treasury was reported at \$89,999. It was mentioned that we have some large outlays of funds soon for improvements to the dam and for the Watershed Protection Program. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

VLAP Program — Chris Peahl and Midge Romanow spoke about the testing program to monitor the health of our lake. Fortunately, Lake Monomonac has continued to maintain its health. All are grateful to them for their efforts regarding this important endeavor.

Loons — Susan Kochinskas shared information regarding the loon population and nesting. She shared photos of the birds, including a group of 7 loons on the lake. The nest this year was flooded by the excess rainfall. We are fortunate to have had loons nesting on the Sailing Association Island for the last 4 years. Their presence is a sign of a healthy lake!

Lake Host Program — Chris Peahl discussed the Lake Host Program he coordinates on Lake Monomonac. Boats are inspected for signs of invasive species at the lake launch site on weekends. Any boat found to carry an invasive weed will not be allowed to launch. This is an important program to help maintain the health of our lake and it is funded by MLPOA and WSLA.

Lake Education Day — Midge Romanow spoke about the Lake Education Day held on June 5, 2025 . Laureen Moran coordinated this program and welcomed 42 fifth graders from Rindge Memorial School along with 9 chaperones. NH Department of Environmental Services provided 10 limnologists with 5 sets of equipment to educate the students about lake health. We were fortunate to secure 10 pontoon boats with captain volunteers to accommodate everyone. Once the students left to return to school, pizza, salad and drinks were provided to the volunteers and the limnologists. During this time, it was discovered that Lake Monomonac is the only lake in NH taking advantage of this state program.

Excess Road Salt — Steve Gray provided information regarding road salt danger to Lake Monomonac. The amount of salt usage on Rindge roads has been increasing every year. Steve was able to provide a proposed article to decrease the salt usage, but it was defeated in the town election. He is now proposing that the MLPOA provide funding for town drivers to attend the Green Snow Program teaching new techniques and plans to reduce salt usage. After answering many questions, the motion to work with the town to try this new program with our financial support was passed unanimously.

Watershed Management Plan — Stan Smith, Vice President of the Winchendon Springs Lake Association and member of MLPOA, presented an update on the plan. The main objectives are to improve water quality, reduce phosphorous and reduce cyanobacteria. The Lake Monomonac watershed area is 12,000 acres located in 4 towns and 2 states. The DES began this process in July 2025 and is expected to be complete in the fall of 2026. Don Wilson suggested things residents around the lake can do now to help decrease harm to the lake, including using no fertilizers and regularly having septic systems inspected. He also spoke of the sessions the NHDES offers to help us all understand the problems and how to mitigate them.

Sluice Gate Dam Project — Stan Smith also presented an update on the improvements to the dam. The cost of the project has increased since the original quote was presented. WSLA is requesting MLPOA share in the increase. There was much discussion about the project. Ultimately, it was voted to share in the project price increase with two members voting against the request.

New Website — Jeff Eisenberg spoke about the new website and all that it offers to members and others. The new website has a comprehensive section providing information about Cyanobacteria. He hopes to get people on and around the lake to care for the lake by informing them.

We had 6 donated door prize drawings throughout the morning which were provided by Pizza Haven, Atlas and Monadnock Boat Store, all in Rindge, as well as Tri-City Marine in Winchendon. Many thanks to them all for their generosity.

The 2025 MLPOA Annual Meeting was adjourned at 11:15AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Laureen Moran, MLPOA Secretary