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MLPOA Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: July 18, 2026

Time: 9:10 AM

Location: Rindge Recreation Center

Presiding Officer: Midge Romanow, President

Attendance: More than 85 attendees

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

The Annual Meeting of the MLPOA was called to order at 9:10 AM by President Midge Romanow. President Romanow recognized and paid tribute to Bill Gunther, Lourdes Gray, and Tom Uhlig, each of whom had recently passed and had contributed significantly to the lake association. President Romanow also recognized outgoing Board members Steve Gray and Laureen Moran for their years of dedicated service.

Business Items and Motions

Bylaw Changes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed bylaw changes as provided prior to the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Prior Annual Meeting Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the prior year's annual meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers and Board Members: A motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of officers and Board members as presented:

- Jack Cantin, Treasurer
- Chris Dipre
- Jeff Eisenberg, President
- Jane Fluharty
- Susan Kochinskas, Secretary
- Jen Marszalek
- Chris Peahl
- Doug Redfield
- Midge Romanow
- Tina Sbrega, Vice President
- Phil Simeone
- Don Wilson

The motion carried unanimously. The Directors were then asked to stand and be recognized.

President's Remarks

Following the election, incoming President Jeff Eisenberg presided over the remainder of the meeting. He reflected on the MLPOA mission statement and its connection to ongoing water quality efforts and the Watershed Management Plan. He noted that although the lake remains healthy and robust, it is showing signs of stress caused by multiple external factors. He emphasized that reversing this stress will require collective action and asked attendees to leave the meeting committed to supporting the mission.

Treasurer's Report

Jack Cantin, Treasurer, provided the Treasurer's Report. He reported that the organization received 501(c)(3) status during the prior year and implemented a Finance and Audit Committee. The first-year audit was completed with no findings.

Mr. Cantin reviewed the current financial statements, noting \$85,603 in bank and investment accounts, revenue to date of \$53,712.00, and expenses to date of \$33,465.00. He further noted upcoming expenditures of at least \$30,000.00 before any phosphorus mitigation costs, underscoring the importance of maintaining reserves for unplanned and necessary expenses.

Mr. Cantin also reviewed membership status, noting that dues collected to date total \$10,635.00, representing 73 members, compared with \$16,100.00 and 125 members for the year 2025.

A door prize drawing was held.

Milfoil Update

Board member Don Wilson provided an update on milfoil. He noted that the use of ProcellaCOR in 2022 had significantly reduced milfoil; however, the current year has seen a significant increase, with 366.5 gallons extracted to date. Mr. Wilson stated that the organization intends to seek approval from NH DES to use ProcellaCOR again next year. A member suggested coordinating simultaneous milfoil removal efforts with the WSLA, and Mr. Wilson noted that this coordination is already underway. President Eisenberg recognized Mr. Wilson for his work protecting the lake.

Watershed Management Plan Presentation

Amalia Handler of FB Environmental presented a high-level overview of the Watershed Management Plan and stated that the work underway to protect the lake is inspiring and empowering. She reviewed the plan's major steps:

- Build team
- Inventory watershed
- Define problems
- Set goals and develop solutions
- Create action plan
- Build public support
- Implement and evaluate.

Ms. Handler stated that the project is currently in the action plan stage and that a more detailed report is expected to be available to the public in October.

Ms. Handler explained that the primary issue facing the lake is a growing phosphorus problem, which fuels algae growth and cyanobacteria. She noted that approximately 74% of the phosphorus entering the lake comes from roads, landscaping, and development, and another 14% comes from septic systems. The goal is to reduce phosphorus levels over the next 10 years from the current 12.2 parts per billion to 10.5 parts per billion, thereby improving habitat quality and reducing the potential for blooms.

Ms. Handler recognized the work already completed and emphasized that this is a long-term effort in which all members can play a role. Recommended actions included:

- Inspect/pump your septic,
- Protect your shoreline with proper plantings that serve as buffers,
- Don't use lawn fertilizers,
- Divert your stormwater through proper drainage.

Ms. Handler concluded by stating that a community that cares this much is a lake that has a future.

Following the presentation, a question-and-answer period was held. Questions addressed topics including lake resiliency, the referenced pollutant sites, the impact of fireworks on phosphorus load, construction around the lake, lawn fertilizers, and drinking water. Questions were answered during the meeting.

Ms. Handler was thanked for her time and assistance.

LakeSmart Program

President Eisenberg presented information on the LakeSmart program and its relationship to the organization's overall water quality plan. An email will be sent to members inviting them to participate in a no-cost, no-obligation property review. Chip Bull reported that he had completed the review, had been granted a LakeSmart property designation, and found the process easy and the recommendations helpful. WSLA members will also be able to participate, and all Directors have signed up for a review.

A door prize drawing was held.

Volunteer and Advisory Group Opportunities

President Eisenberg stated that there is significant work ahead and encouraged members to consider joining the Board or the Friends of the Lake Group. The organization is particularly seeking individuals with experience in grant writing, project management, and video production.

Arborist Presentation

Rolf Briggs, Arborist, addressed the increase in invasive species affecting plants and trees and discussed the effects of increased temperatures. He explained that these factors can contribute to plant disease, which can often be reversed if treated properly. Mr. Briggs also discussed appropriate tree watering and the reach of tree root systems. He provided handout materials and was thanked for his informative presentation.

Adjournment

The final door prize drawing was held. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Sbrega