

WIA Closing Meeting Minutes

Saturday August 24, 2019

Bridgewater Town Meeting Room on Mayhew Turnpike

Meeting called to order by Joan Dobbins, President at 10:01 am

Quorum established with approximately 35 members in attendance (attendance sign in sheet on file)

A moment of silence was held in the memory of Doug Hopkins and a memorial contribution will be made in his name.

Report from Town Selectman Terry Murphy

- Level of the lake was discussed
- Taxes and property assessment were discussed
- Social media and emails to/from the town were discussed
- Town paid personnel discussed (clerk, tax assessor, social media person, computer IT person, secretary)
- Encouraged people to submit their email to the Town if you want emailed updates and notifications of important news
- Refuse district costs/expenses; plastic recycling
- Full time residents urged to register to vote and help at polls
- A question about emergency personnel and 911 calls was answered
- Hand-outs were provided.

President's report by Joan Dobbins:

Thanks to all the volunteers this year for keeping the beach lot in good shape notably Matt Lisa's sons and to Margaret Freedman for organizing them. The ladder on the raft was replaced. Jean organized the floats on the swim line to make the enclosed space more obvious to swimmers and boaters. This fall Joan will again have the grassy area core aerated and over-seeded and have granular lime applied. If it looks dry, please feel free to turn on the sprinkler for 15-20 minutes, thanks. Thanks to all who made the Picnic a success again notably Tony Bonaccorsi, Will Fullerton, Lyle Brown, Eric Simula, and Tony Giannesca for cooking and Margaret Freedman and her daughter for kids' entertainment. Brian McCarthy was the DJ. Thanks to the Clarks who have again volunteered to clean the chair sheds.

REMOVE CHAIRS FROM SHED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 22nd for our PERIODIC SHED CLEANING. You may return your chairs to the shed after October 31st.

ALL KAYAKS AND CANOES MUST BE REMOVED FROM RACK BY SEPTEMBER 22nd.

Vice President's Report by Will Fullerton:

We will contact the fencing contractor to have the stockade fence fixed. We will look into repairing the chair shed doors. We will attempt to re-place/re-set the granite steps to make them more level. While we haven't experienced erosion and water run off too badly this year, we will consider having the parking lot re-graded and the drainage culverts re-dug.

Treasurer's Report by Joan Dobbins (in Diane's absence):

The Balance sheet was handed out. As of August 31, 2019 the total assets are \$33,940. This includes the savings account \$29,399; the mooring account \$1,825, the checking account of \$608 and the beach restoration account \$2,716. Our "average" expenses each year = ~\$12,000. It was proposed and accepted by majority vote to increase the "dues" asked of waterfront owners from \$30/year to \$50/year. Announcement that if a member mails their check to Diane and doesn't specify what the excess money is for, she will consider it a donation. PLEASE specify what your money is going towards e.g. kayak rack, etc. Finally, it was explained that PayPal charges a convenience fee of 2.9% for use a credit card. Unless you have your Paypal account linked to a bank account, which negates the convenience fee, we will have to charge an additional \$4.35 for the dues of \$150 when a member using PayPal with an unlinked bank account. Please contact Diane with any questions about this

Secretary's report by Joan Dobbins (in Janine Tiomkin's absence):

A motion was made and seconded accept minutes from the June Opening Meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Mooring Coordinator's Report by Tony Bonaccorsi:

The mooring wait list was provided. Tony verbally corrected the list indicating that the Perreira's were added back to the bottom of the list upon payment of their dues this summer. Going forward, Tony will do mooring equipment inspections and replacements himself to save money.

ALL BOATS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE MOORINGS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 23rd. All mooring balls, lights, dock and raft will be removed the first week of October.

OLD BUSINESS:

Next Years' Meeting Dates:

The following dates were voted upon and approved unanimously. Opening Meeting will be June 27, 2020.

Closing Meeting will be August 29, 2020. – **NOTE – THIS IS NOT LABOR DAY WEEKEND!**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The membership accepted the proposed amendment to the By Laws as follows: Article VI. MEETINGS Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Association will be held ~~on Labor Day weekend~~ *in late summer* at such time and place as designated in the call for meetings.

2. Next year will be the election of the Executive Board. Joan announced she will not seek re-election next year. Someone must STEP-UP!

3. Tony brought up a concern regarding visitors/renters who are not aware of or ignore Beach Rules. Examples include:

- leaving jet skis tied up to our dock
- tying up to a member's mooring ball
- swimming in the boating "enter/exit channel"
- leaving boats on the beach and lawn unattended/unlocked
- leaving garbage (diapers, cigarette butts, water bottles) on our beach, retaining walls and in the porta-potty
- using members' chairs from the shed without permission

This obnoxious and potentially dangerous behavior needs to be controlled. Jean suggested placing signs in key areas. Another member suggested finding out which owners rent out their place and holding them responsible for their renter's behavior, and potentially assessing fines or increasing their dues. All members should know the Beach Rules and should approach people who are violating our rules and explain what the rules are. Joan will purchase some signs to help make it crystal clear what can and cannot be done. Joan will send out the Beach Rules via email to all members.

Motion to adjourn unanimous at approximately 11:05 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Dobbins, President.