

Bantam Lake Protective Association

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2023

I. Call to Order – 7pm Connie Trolle

II. Members present in person and via Zoom-Connie Trolle, Devon O’Neill, Anne Murdica, James Fischer, Peter Longo, Sarah Santora, Caitlin Pattison, Mark Sniffen

III. Treasurer Report Summary- \$98,000 in primary checking account. Total funds \$195,000. Donation of \$2500 made from Social Equity Fund.

IV. Events- Give Local is next week, goal is to raise \$10,000. Constant contact, Instagram and Facebook will be used to advertise. Earth Day is next weekend, Constant Contact and social media will be used to highlight our Lake Clean Up event and recruit volunteers on April 22 at the State Boat Launch.

V. Summer Lake Treatment- Solitude will be on the lake on May 4th to start a survey for weed treatment.

VI. DEEP- Responded with a lengthy letter stating there are no laws prohibiting wake surfing and they are considered waterskiers. An ordinance must go through the town but enforcement will be difficult. Board members suggested additional education be posted at the State Boat Launch and through social media and the Ski Club.

VII. Attorney Meeting- A few options were presented to Anne, Connie, and Peter regarding action on the WL sewage issue. One option is to force DEEP to act but that will require a lot more

documentation for the lawyer to review as a violation of the Clean Water Act is probable. A meeting with Denise Raap has been scheduled for next Monday and a Goshen meeting is TBD. A second option is to put WL and DEEP on notice as a violation of the Clean Water Act which will give them 60 days to respond. This discussion will be revisited at the next meeting and at our annual meeting in June.

VIII. Upcoming events.

- Farmers Market- June 2nd begins the Farmers Market in Bantam where we will have a table and rotate board members to educate the community on our mission and needs.
- Deer Island is hosting a PickleBall Tournament at the end of the summer, all proceeds will be donated to BLPA
- 5K- Caitlin will get us a few dates to choose from

IX. Overlay District- Consideration of a special overlay district for Waterfront/Water access homes to generate revenue for lake treatment. Connie will explore options and present at a later date to the board.

X. Inland/Wetlands- Control dock regulation and docks are supposed to be 360 sqft or less. They may require dock restrictions and request name/phone numbers on each dock for identification.

XI. **Adjourn** 8:04pm