

**Gilford Islands Association  
27th Annual Meeting Minutes of  
July 24, 2017**

The Gilford Islands Association's Annual Summer Meeting was held for the first time in the new NH Marine Patrol Building at 5:30 PM on July 24, 2017. Officers and board members present were: Jim MacBride, President, Sue Colbert, Secretary, Director, George Hilton, Director, Richard Holdaway, and Director Roger Marquis. Islands represented at the meeting were Birch, Camp, Fish, Jolly, Lockes, Mark, Timber, and Welch.

The meeting was divided into three parts.

Part I: Captain Tim Dunleavy head of the Marine Patrol, led a tour of the Marine Patrol Facility with approximately 40 to 50 people including members, children and island guests.

Part II: Gilford Fire Chief Steve Carrier discussed Fire and Rescue services to the islands. Highlights of his talk are as follows:

Chief Carrier has already visited several islands to discuss fire and rescue issues. He would be glad to come to other islands if requested.

Timed trials showed the Fire boat's current location at the end of dock A, provides a quicker response time to the islands by 3 to 4 minutes than from the Marine Patrol dock. So the fireboat will remain where it is for now. It takes 4-6 minutes to get to the docks from the station and 15 to 20 minutes to get to the island location. Calls are dispatched to the islands about once a week in the summer.

The fireboat has a radar system and map books to find island locations. All emergency people are trained to be familiar with the islands and are able to locate island properties. Residents should make sure their docks are numbered and reflective if possible. A 911 call from your land line will show your island address. A cell phone provides a location within three feet of your actual location. Over 70% of calls received are from cell phones. All calls are dispatched by the Lakes Region Dispatch for the 35 surrounding communities. The receiving station will transfer the call to Laconia who will tell the firemen where to go.

The Chief is hopeful the 40 year old fireboat will be replaced next year. The fire company is working with Eastern Boat Co. to see if it's possible to replace the fireboat. They have some donations already and they are hoping to work out the financials with the town. The fire company would be glad to accept donations for a new boat.

Fire Permits are necessary for burning. Call the fire department when you are going to burn. If requested ahead, the fire company will attend your burn or will burn a brush pile over the winter for you when the ground is snow covered.

Part III Business Meeting

Before the business meeting started, Captain Dunleavy told members there is a hose on the side of the Marine Patrol building that provides potable water and can be used to fill water bottles for island homes. Eventually the state and town will work out an agreement so the Marine Patrol can provide potable water to the bath houses. Until then you are welcome to fill up at the Marine Patrol Building.

President Jim MacBride called the meeting to order at 7:55. There were 24 people present for the meeting.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes for the July 2016 Annual meeting and the March 2017 winter meeting.

Next on the agenda was the election of officers. The board recommended the slate of officers as follows:

Sue Colbert (Welch), Secretary (re-elect)

George Hilton (Birch, ) Director At-Large (re-elect)

Pete Derby (Lockes), Director At-Large (re-elect)

Charlie Fairman (Camp), Vice President (new)

Nancy Birge (Mark), Director At-Large (new)

President MacBride asked for nominations from the floor. When none were forthcoming, Marion Ekholm moved to accept the slate recommended by the board. The motion was carried.

Members received copies of the final 2016 financial report and the interim 2017 financial report. After discussion, a motion to accept the reports was approved. 2016 ended with a balance of \$13,333.71 which includes a CD and a checking account. The interim report projects a surplus for the year of \$524.26 over 2016. The format of the financial statements has been standardized to make it easier to follow the reports from year to year

A motion to keep the dues at the current \$25 a year was approved.

The family of Shirley Burns asked that memorial donations be made to the Gilford Islands Association in her name. So far over \$1,000 has been generously donated. The board asked for approval to keep these donations in a separate fund and find a suitable memorial project for Glendale to remember Shirley and others who are no longer with us. A motion was made and approved to keep the donations for Shirley in a separate fund while we research an appropriate gift.

Each year GIA donates to tax exempt organizations that directly affect the health and well-being of our islands environment. This year a motion was made and approved to give the following six groups donations totaling \$1500.

Glendale Cove Association (GCA) (Invasive plant eradication.) \$475

Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA) (Watershed management and water quality advocates. Some of our members perform water quality testing for them.) \$350

NH Lakes Association (NHLA) (Promotes healthy lake programs like the Lake Host Program) \$225

Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) (Promotes preservation of loon populations and advocates for environmental laws to protect the environment specific to loons, like banning lead sinkers) \$200

Lakes Region Conservation) (Conserves scenic landscapes, wildlife habitats, watershed sensitive properties, and undeveloped shorelines and provides recreational opportunities for people to enjoy these open spaces) \$150.

NH Audubon (Protects wildlife habitats and sanctuaries, monitors wildlife and advocates public policy.) \$100.

There are several bills pending in the legislature. Noted was Senate Bill 118 that changes some definitions within the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act., primarily to clarify that lawn and grass are considered pervious surfaces.

#### New Business

Island Cleanup Day is July 29, 2017. The board voted to conduct an outreach event under the gazebo on the 8 hour dock that day. Coffee and donuts will be served. Members are encourage to stop by tell us

what's on your mind. The Loon Preservation Committee will also be there to answer any questions about loons:

It was suggested that texting might be employed to reach the younger generation with news rather than email.

The board investigated getting mail boxes for FedEx and UPS deliveries similar to what the Post Office uses for their package delivery. The companies each had no facility for this and the town was not interested in adding to what is already there.

A discussion ensued about the quality of our water and how it has been deteriorating over time. Phosphates contribute to algae blooms and cyanobacteria growth. Fertilizers and storm water runoff add to the problem. The question is how to educate homeowners about these issues. Richard Holdaway reports all fertilizers are banned within 250 feet from the lake and non phosphate detergents are available on the internet. Jim MacBride offered that the Lake Winnepesaukee Association has pamphlets that inform homeowners about what they can do to help keep the water clean. Actionable items were not decided upon at this time.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.