

Gilford Islands Association
Annual Meeting July 24, 2023

The Gilford Islands Association (GIA) meeting was held on Monday, July 24, 2023, at 5:30 PM in the Gilford Town Hall.

Twenty people attended the meeting representing the islands of Breezy, Camp, Jolly, Lockes, Mark, Round, and Welch.

President Jim MacBride opened the meeting after first ensuring there was a quarum.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the 2022 minutes that had been mailed and emailed to members prior to the meeting. Treasurer Heidi Kephart moved to accept the 2022 minutes and the motion was approved.

The election of officers was the next item on the agenda. Jim MacBride introduced Joe Santoro from Lockes Island who was nominated to fill a vacancy on the GIA Board for a Director at large position. In addition, four members of the Board were up for re-election for their two-year terms. They included Charlie Fairman (Camp), Vice President, Sue Colbert (Welch), Secretary, Nancy Birge (Mark), Director at large, and Pete Derby (Lockes) Director at large. There were no additional nominations from the floor. A motion was made to accept the slate of candidates and the motion carried.

Treasurer Heidi Kephart presented the Treasurer's Final Report for 2022. There were 109 dues paying members last year. Ansje Burdick moved to accept the Final Treasurers Report and the motion carried. Heidi recommended that \$3,400 be moved from the checking account to the CD in order to get a better interest rate for the CD. Ansje moved to accept Heidi's recommendation and the motion passed. Heidi also brought up the possibility of allowing electronic payment of dues in the future to make it easier for people to pay. A discussion followed on possible vendors, costs, and web site changes etc. Ansje volunteered to help Heidi research the options and make recommendations to the Board.

GIA's Bylaws require dues to be established at each annual meeting. A motion was made and passed to keep the annual dues at their current level of \$25 per household

Each year GIA sets aside funds for six non-profit organizations that work to conserve and protect the environment of Lake Winnepesaukee and the islands and shore fronts

surrounding the lake. Heidi moved to donate the same amount to each organization as we did last year. The vote was affirmative and the organizations and amounts for 2023 follow:

- Glendale Cove (milfoil), \$500
- Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA), \$700
- NH Lakes, \$500
- Loon Preservation Society, \$300
- Lakes Region Conservation Trust, \$250
- NH Audubon, \$100.

The total amount donated at the meeting is \$2,350. In addition, \$500 was approved at the March 2022 meeting to support three water testing sites as part of the Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA) ongoing water testing program. GIA volunteers have been helping LWA perform water tests at selected sites around the islands for a number of years now.

Under New Business, Andy Opel brought up the need for islanders to have drop boxes available at the docks for UPS and FedEx package delivery. The issue has been brought up before but no solution was found at the time. Andy volunteered to research the issue again to try to find a solution.

Charlie Fairman reported that his wife had an accident and Gilford's Fire and Rescue services were called. He wanted islanders to know how very pleased he was with how responsive and caring they were to his wife.

A question arose about the possibility of electric vehicle charging stations at the docks. There is nothing planned at this time. It was suggested that the funding available to set up a charging station was available for commercial sites only now. No further action is planned.

Sue Colbert reported that the fire department will do supervised burns for island homeowners over the winter months as a training exercise for the fireman. Call the fire department for more information.

Pete Derby moved to end the business portion of the meeting. The motion passed.

Jim MacBride introduced our guest speaker Bree Rossiter from Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA). She talked about the geological formation of Lake Winnepesaukee and gave an informative update on the cyanobacteria situation in the lake.