



## **Gilford Islands Association**

### **Annual Summer Meeting Minutes**

**July 26, 2021**

The Annual Summer Meeting of the Gilford Islands Association (GIA) was held in the Gilford Town Hall at 6:00 P.M. on July 26, 2021. Twenty-four people were in attendance representing Camp, Jolly, Lockes, Mark, Pig, Timber, and Welch Islands. This was the first meeting where members (10) were able to attend from home using the online conferencing software, Zoom. A special thanks to Board member Ansje Burdick for facilitating our first ever Zoom meeting.

President James MacBride called the meeting to order a few minutes after 6:00 P.M.

Sue Colbert, Secretary, reported on the results of the 2020 mail in ballots. There were five questions on the 2020 ballot. One hundred twenty-seven ballots were mailed to all members and 78 were returned giving us a 61% return rate. There was unanimous approval of all five ballot questions covering re-election of officers, the 2019 minutes, the 2019 financial report, dues for 2021, and annual contributions to environmental groups. Several people commented that the mail-in ballot gave more people a chance to voice their opinions than does voting at the annual meeting.

President MacBride then called for the election of officers and board members for the 2021-2023 open two-year terms. The board presented a slate as follows:

Charlie Fairman, Camp, Vice President

Sue Colbert, Welch, Secretary

Nancy Birge, Mark, At-Large Board Member

Pete Derby, Lockes, At-Large Board Member

A motion was made to accept the slate as presented, seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Heidi Kephart, Treasurer, gave the year-end 2020 financial report. The final balance at the end of 2020 is \$17,816.61. In addition to the 132 members who paid dues, \$550 was also received as donations. A motion was made and approved to accept the financial report as read. To date for 2021, there are 114 members who paid dues and \$600 in donations received.

Our Bylaws require that dues will be established at each Annual Meeting. A motion was made and carried to keep the dues at twenty-five dollars for 2022.

A motion was then made to continue support of the six 501(c)(3) organizations whose work contribute to the environmental quality of the lake. During discussion Sue Colbert suggested that due to global

warming trends we may want to raise the amounts for those organizations that have the greatest impact on lake water quality.

Tom Mullen advocated for adding the Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association (LWSA) to the tax-exempt donations list. Although this organization is well respected and does a great job teaching children how to sail, members voiced concern that this organization did not match our stated mission. Discussions led to the resubmission of the motion with changes to the donation amounts. The motion passed unanimously. The updated amounts are as follows:

Glendale Cove Association (milfoil)	\$500 (was \$475)
Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA)	\$700 (was \$500)
NH Lakes Association	\$500 (was 300)
Loon Preservation Committee	\$300 (was \$200)
Lakes Region Conservation Trust	\$250 (was \$150)
NH Audubon	\$100 unchanged
Total: \$2,350 (was \$1,725)	

The 2022 Winter Meeting date is set for March 05. The meeting will tentatively be held at the Lyon's Den and if it is unavailable at that time (It is currently for sale), then another venue will be found. Jim MacBride is hopeful that Elizabeth Burakowski, a climate research scientist at UNH will be available to speak. The current plan is to make the meeting available to those people who cannot be present via Zoom.

Jim MacBride reported that GIA's member participation in the Lake Winnepesaukee Association's (LWA) water testing program is ongoing. Diana McNabb and Virginia Tuan are new volunteers who join Steve and Nancy Birge, Kathy Boselli and Jim MacBride. These people along with LWA staff faithfully draw samples every two weeks during the summer. They test for water temperature, chlorophyll, phosphorus, small particles and visibility at five different test sites. These samples are bottled, frozen and sent to the lab at UNH. The tests are used to monitor the health and wellbeing of the Lake over time. Go to [winnepesaukeegateway.org](http://winnepesaukeegateway.org) for water quality data and information.

A question arose as to why the Lake Jake fireboat was missing from the docks for several days. Jim MacBride will contact the fire chief to find out more information.

Under old business, Charlie Fairman, Vice President, spoke about his attendance at a Gilford Selectmen's Meeting where Island Clean Up Day was on the agenda. Charlie told the Selectmen that the residents of Gilford enjoy many services from the town such as schools for their children, plowing and maintaining roads, and police protection. Island residents do not get any benefit from these services but one service that is important to island taxpayers is Island Clean Up Day. Transporting discarded items is difficult by boat and the assistance of DPW to remove these items is a service that is valued greatly. After Charlie's address, the Selectmen said they were no longer planning to hold a hearing on Island Clean Up Day. (In order to change the rules a public hearing is required.)

Jim MacBride volunteered to contact the Marine Patrol to see if islanders could park in their back lot if parking was scarce during the Island Clean Up Day. He subsequently found out that there was a class on Saturday morning and that the parking lot was not available to islanders.

Also, under Old Business, Kathy Boselli (Pig Island) reported that she and Joni Hinterhaeuser (Lockes Island) were in the initial planning stages to submit a petition to the State to add a no-wake zone for the narrow channel between Pig Island and Lockes Island. This is a much smaller and less controversial request than the failed submission of last year. They expect to have the petition ready for signatures soon.

Jim MacBride moved to have GIA support the petition but this motion was not approved. Individuals can support the petition as they choose, but the Association will remain neutral. Kathy asked that members who see boating infractions in the area of Glendale and Smith Cove report them to the Marine Patrol. Tom Mullen also reported that the LWSA boats with young student sailors were finding that some boats were speeding through the class or coming dangerously close to the student sailboats.

Heidi Kephart reported that Dave Ewing of Dave's Motor Boat Shoppe donated a new cart for Glendale. Dave has been a good friend to islanders. He has been repairing and storing the carts during the winter for a long time and now he has donated a new cart. We owe him our thanks for his kindness and generosity. GIA also donated a new cart to replace the one that went missing. A third cart owned by Dan Simpson is left at the docks to be shared with others. A thank you to Dan and his family too.

Under new business Casey Nickerson's neighbor on Smith Cove reported there is a new kind of Milfoil in Smith cove that grows quickly and is different from the kind usually found there. Jim MacBride will contact DES to find out more about this.

Allison Kelley (Welch) reported that their Hemlock trees have Wooley Adelgid infestations. She wondered if other islands had this problem and if there was any remedy that could help. The response seemed to be that other islands also have this problem, the trees can be sprayed to slow the disease, but eventually over time the tree will succumb to the problem.

Charlie Fairman reported that Gypsy Moths are making a comeback in our area. Homeowners should be alert for their presence. Egg masses can be spotted on the trunks of trees as splotchy beige masses. If you see them remove them from the tree and dispose of them safely.

After a motion to adjourn was made and approved, President Jim MacBride adjourned the meeting around 7:10 PM.