

QQLA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES (AUG 19, 2018)

- Meeting was convened at 10:40 am by Doug Vizard. Rough count of attendees about 60. Sales items and 50/50 raffle activity were noted.
The current high water in the lakes was noted and risks were cited.
The recent weed treatment was briefly discussed, with commentary on ongoing efforts.
Thanks were expressed to the Y-camp and staff, and Steve Lockney (director) was recognized – a kitchen staff gratuity was conveyed.
- The speaker (Ed Hood of the Opacum Land Trust) was introduced by Marita Tasse. Ed gave a great presentation on the Opacum Land Trust history, mission, and operational rationale. A clear emphasis on watershed conservation was conveyed. A description of ancient Native American settlements were included with an explanation of the importance of these two lakes as the geographical link between the Quaboag River watershed and the Quinnebog Watershed (former going to the Connecticut River, latter to the Themes River).
- The business side of the meeting proceeded with the introduction of the BOD members that were present. The minutes of the QQLA 2017 Annual Meeting were accepted. The election of Carlene Weiss as QQLA Treasurer proceeded.
The Treasurer's report was presented by Mary Lou Knight, and accepted. Mary Lou cited the main expenses of weed treatment and legal costs.
- A current membership of 120 families was reported by Bill Seabourne, and compared to 240 abutters, and appealed for more by neighborly outreach. Bill mentioned the money contributed by membership and generous donations. Bill also named the 10 new members, and recognized one family that was present.
- A brief discussion of the Spencer NPDES progress ensued, public responses were cited, and estimated completion by this/next month was stated. Questions from attendees included the bridge renovation. Don Taft and Doug Vizard responded with description and tentative scheduling: 2019/20 winter and bridge closure.
The failed effort to increase the flow barrier height was discussed, but the assurance of current operation and possibility of a future increase was cited.
- The activities of the past year were listed and discussed: newsletters, phone book, lake cleanup, spring picnic, boat parade, annual meeting, illumination night, poker-paddle run, winter social. Special recognition was given to the new phone book. Bill Seabourne mentioned the "Fun-Raising" of the upcoming Poker-Paddle Run.
Randy Weiss discussed the ongoing photo contest (revised Sept 15 deadline), the present slide-show presentation of past entries, and particulars of the upcoming Poker-Paddle Run.
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.
- The subsequent drawing of the 50/50 Raffle commenced for \$227, won by Don Taft who donated his proceeds back to QQLA. Thank You Don !!