

QQLA Annual Meeting
Sunday August 23,2020
Camp Frank A. Day

Called to Order @ 10:21 am
Moderator: Bill Seabourne

Bill Seabourne

Bill thanked Camp Day director and QQLA board member Stephan Lockney for the use of the camp field for our socially distanced, outdoor location for our meeting during this Covid-19 season.(45 attendees)wearing masks.

Lisa Belanger is live streaming our meeting via Facebook and Life on South Pond for those folks who choose to remain at home. (approx.19 viewers)

Peter and Lynn Zukas have donated the use of a sound system.

Marita Tasse has arranged a QQLA items sale table.

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time to make this meeting possible.

Minutes of the 2019 annual meeting were distributed by Judy Nielsen and accepted by all.

The treasurer's report was announced by Carlene Weiss and accepted by all.

Bill Seabourne welcomed new members and announced that long time lake resident Ed Jeager has passed away.

OLD BUSINESS:

Don Taft

Bridge Replacement; the bridge will be closed for approx.. 12-15 months during reconstruction. A pedestrian walkway will be permanent on the south side. The flow barrier is operated by QQLA under the approval of the East Brookfield BOS and the needs of the contractor.

Beach and Boating Safety: the town beach is owned by fish & wildlife; leased to the town of Brookfield on a yearly basis. Trash pickup for both ponds is arranged and paid for by QQLA. Local police are patrolling the lake and issuing parking tickets. Brookfield recreation committee pays to keep porta potties and swim bouys at the beach. QQLA is working on a sign to educate lake users of boating safety.

Brookfield special town meeting in October: discussion includes continuing the lease of the public beach and support for the alum treatment for South pond.

Doug Vizard

SWWTP update: they are "on schedule" based on the permit standards from 2019. Doug follows their website reports. In the last year, SWWTP has addressed their chronic storm water infiltration problem. The inflow data now shows they have

sufficiently managed that problem, allowing them to move forward with a plant redesign and upgrade within the next two years.

Can Spencer handle any town growth? The town projects "0" future growth which seems unlikely. Is funding available for upgrades to the plant in the future? Doug expects there are grants and federal money in the future. QQLA is developing a legal account for continuing efforts if upgrades do not follow mandated schedule.

Weed treatment in both ponds: was successful. QQLA continues to attempt obtaining permits to treat in June each year. South Pond used a new chemical on a milfoil patch at the YMCA beach that was very effective. Hand pulling of Fanwort was successful in the south cove.

North Pond was treated with standard Diquat effectively over an extensive area. Algae bloom is still occurring due to low water level. No canal treatment as the permit was not able to be obtained.

Skip Nielsen

Status of 319 grant, 2020; financial support came from Sturbridge, QQLA and the YMCA but no financial support from Brookfield and East Brookfield meant our application was very weak. We will hear of our status in September and if we did not obtain the grant, information on specifically why, will help us in our next application.

Plan for 2021 reapplication: Three towns have special meetings this fall and QQLA plans to place warrants on ballots. We will re-apply for the 319 grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Seabourne

Our Fall fundraiser has been suspended, instead we are holding a vigorous membership drive.

2019 membership was 143 households and 2020 is currently 108.

Pat Seabourne and Carlene Weiss have volunteered to be leaders of this effort.

It was suggested that we seek donations at the time we encourage membership.

Randy Weiss

Our newsletter has been distributed and is on line: There are 5 years of newsletters on the website with much information on our important efforts.

QQLA photo contest was a huge success surprising us as the topic selected was BUGS. Randy has a great slide show to share at the end of this meeting. Next photo contest for autumn will be Halloween and Jack o Lanterns; deadline is November 20.

Illumination Night is scheduled for September 5th. Enjoy the beauty of lighting up our docks and homes! Good bye to summer.

The meeting was adjourned @ 11:20 am
Judith Nielsen, recording secretary