

Gilford Islands Association
25th Annual Meeting Minutes of

July 27, 2015

The Gilford Islands Association Annual Summer Meeting was held in the Gilford Town Hall at 6:00 PM on July 27, 2015. Officers and board members present were: Jim MacBride, President, John Goodhue, Vice President, Sue Colbert, Secretary, Diana Goodhue, Treasurer and At-Large Board members, Ripley Forbes, George Hilton, and Richard Holdaway. Islands represented at the meeting were Birch, Lockes, Mark, Mink, Pig, Round, and Welch. Twenty-five members were in attendance.

President Jim MacBride opened the meeting and introduced our guest speaker, Captain Tim Dunleavy, head of the NH Marine Patrol. Captain Dunleavy had Architectural renderings of the new Marine Patrol Building from all sides and a map of the state owned property. He explained how the old buildings would be torn down and the underground water drainage systems redone before any new building would take place. He explained the Marine Patrol vision for how their business would be conducted at their new facility in the future. He also explained how islanders would continue to have a walking path through to our back parking lot. We would not lose any of our current parking spots but we would not gain any either.

Following the guest speaker, the business meeting commenced.

1. The minutes from the July 2014 meeting and the March 2015 dinner meeting were approved without change.
2. John Goodhue, Vice President, Sue Colbert, Secretary, and George Hilton, board member were re-elected for another two year term. Pete Derby, (Lockes) board member was newly elected to a two year term. One board position is unfilled and an appointment may be made in the interim with the election to take place next year.
3. The Federal Government approved the association's application to become a tax exempt 501c3 organization. All donations to the GIA are now tax deductible and Jim MacBride said he hoped many would consider making a charitable contribution this year. There was a \$400 filing fee. The Association should see some benefit from reduced taxes and mailing fees.
4. The 2014 financial report and the Year to Date 2015 financial report were approved as stated. The reports follow a new format for reporting our financial information that will make the reports more consistent from year to year.
5. The annual dues of \$25 per family were approved again for next year.
6. Declining membership numbers generated a number of suggestions on how to attract

more members.

7. The Annual Contributions to six environmental/conservation tax exempt organizations was approved in the amount of \$1,325. Following is a breakdown of those contributions:

\$475 to Glendale Cove Association (Milfoil eradications)

\$275 to Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA)

\$200 to Loon Preservation Committee

\$150 to Lakes Region Conservation Trust

\$125 to New Hampshire Lakes Association

\$100 to New Hampshire Audubon Society

These contributions are in addition to the \$500 approved in the Winter Meeting for the cost of periodically testing the water pulled from three lake sites for the LWA.

8. Members are reminded to notify the association if their email changes. Please send updates to Sue Colbert, Secretary, at welchislander@optimum.net.

9. An inquiry was made on Gilford's 911 procedures for islanders. See the procedures recommended by the town that follow these minutes.

10. Three new GIA members have joined the volunteers for the Water Test Project. An ice out test was done for the first time in five years. See the attached summary report of the results comparing the water quality in 2015 to 2010.

11. There is no new lake related State legislative activity to report.

12. Members have raised several issues with the operation of Glendale.

One had to do with the inadequacy of the recycle bin pickups that resulted in overflowing bins long before the weekly pickup time. A second bin is to be added to alleviate the situation. See the attached update on recycling.

Another issue is the poor lighting in the upper parking lot that makes it hard to see at night. Nothing can be resolved on this issue until the new Marine Patrol facility is constructed.

The third issue is the current placement of the bicycle rack. Some members want the rack in a more visible and lighted area to prevent thefts. This issue will be addressed with the town administrator.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

ADDITIONAL & CLARIFYING INFORMATION - November 23, 2015

A) DUES: If you haven't paid yet for 2015, please reconsider. Although dues are not tax-deductible, an extra donation is. Send your check to Diana Goodhue, payable to Gilford Islands Association, 84 Schoolhouse Hill Rd., Gilford, NH 03249.

B) Winter Meeting Date: Saturday **March 5, 2016** at the Lyon's Den. Speaker topic: 50 years of "milfoil" eradication & containment

C) 911 procedures for Gilford and the Islands:

1. If a call to 911 originates from a land line, the dispatch operator will automatically receive the caller's address. **This is the preferred option.**
2. From a cell phone, the operator will receive longitudinal and latitudinal locations on a map showing the approximate calling location.
3. Each property on the islands should be clearly marked with address identification on the dock and the building(s).
4. In the event of an emergency that requires a public safety response, someone associated with the calling party should be at the dock with the ability to flag down the emergency responders.
5. In subsequent communications following the July 27th meeting, there has been a review of how the Fireboat - "Snuffer" - is equipped and the training for the fire-rescue responders. We have suggested to Town officials that they consider using the Garmin GPS with a new "Winnepesaukee chip" that has way-points programmed into its data base. The Snuffer will return to Glendale from Mtn. View once Marine Patrol has completed the new docks.

D) Early Ice-Out Water Sampling - May 4th, 2015: A volunteer "fleet" staffed with biologists from DES, UNH and LWA, and including a few GIA navigators, pulled extensive samples from 12 key sites around the Lake. With the water temp fairly uniform from top to bottom, such a sampling gives a good measure of phosphorus levels. Last done in 2010, 9 of the 12 showed lower levels in 2015, but 3 sites were higher: 1. the 120' deep spot off Governors Is. west of the Witches; 2. the 140' deep spot off the west side of Bear Is.; and, 3. the deep spot in Meredith Bay. All 3 were under the danger level of 8 parts/billion, but still a concern, especially the Bear Is. spot that had the algae bloom in July 2011. Our Gilford 180' deep spot between Welch and Diamond dropped from 6.7 to 6.3 ppb. Go to "winnepesaukeegateway.org" for more detail. Two of three sites sponsored by the GIA, Gi-C & Gi-5 (off Governors Is.) have been consistently sampled by Alan Sherwood & Janice McKittrick, Welch Is., for the past 6 years. However, Alan & Janice can no longer continue with the program for 2016. We thank them for their years of service and we need new volunteers to step forward to continue the program.

E) RE-CYCLE REVIEW: Since July, there has been a 180* revision. The following summary is based on the BOS meeting of 8/12/15, the Glendale Committee meeting of

10/7/15 and email communications:

- The additional recycle bin at Glendale did not work out.
- Effective 8/13/15 the recycle program became "dual-stream", with all cardboard having to be flattened and put into separate bins and not mixed with all the other materials, which continues the mixed "single-stream". This is done only at the Kimbal Rd. station.
- The Town and Waste Management stated the cost of hauling recycle out of Glendale exceeded the revenue received from the sale of the materials to processing vendors. This combined with the cardboard separation makes recycling not feasible at Glendale.
- For 2016 there will be 4 trash bins at Glendale with 3 pick-ups per week, but not on weekends. A 5th bin will be added for holiday weekends.
- Islanders will be encouraged to take their recycle to Kimbal Rd. and not dump it in the trash bins.
- The Town plans to look into installing security cameras as a deterrent to illegal dumping.

F) In Memory: We are sad to report the passing of two long time islanders and friends. Dave Pangburn, Lockes Island and first GIA president, passed away November 19th at age 87. Dave first came to Lockes in the summer of 1928, still an infant! Russell Elwell, Mark Is., passed away July 4, 2015 at age 92. Russell flew B-29's in WWII. Their obituaries will be on the GIA web site.

G) If you have been on our "email-only" list and would prefer a mailed USPS copy let jimmacbride@msn.com know.