

**Gilford Islands Association  
26th Annual Meeting Minutes of  
July 25, 2016**

The Gilford Islands Association's Annual Summer Meeting was held in the Gilford Town Hall at 6:00 PM on July 25, 2016. Officers and board members present were: Jim MacBride, President, Sue Colbert, Secretary, and Ripley Forbes, Director, George Hilton, Director, Richard Holdaway, Director and Pete Derby, Director. Islands represented at the meeting were Birch, Fish, Jolly, Lockes, Mark, Timber, and Welch. Twenty-four members were in attendance.

President Jim MacBride opened the meeting by introducing Harry Vogel, Senior Biologist and Executive Director of the Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) located in Moultonborough, NH. Mr. Vogel gave an interesting presentation and slide show on loons, the LPC's mission, the successes LPC has had in loon preservation in NH and the threats loons are facing in the future.

Following the presentation, President Jim MacBride called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the Annual 2015 meeting on July 27, 2015 and the March 05, 2016 Winter Meeting were approved by a vote of members.

The second order of business was the election of new officers and board members. A proposed slate of officers was presented to the members and nominations were solicited from the floor. When none were forthcoming, a motion was made to accept the slate as read. The motion carried.

Those elected were:

President: Jim MacBride ((Welch)  
Vice President: Ripley Forbes (Birch)  
Treasurer: Heidi Kephart (Welch)  
Director: Richard Holdaway (Mark)  
Director: Joni Hinterhaeuser (Lockes)  
Director: Roger Marquis (Jolly)

John and Diana Goodhue, former Vice President and Treasurer respectively, were thanked for their many years of service to the Association. They retired from island life this summer.

Effective June 23, 2015, The Gilford Islands Association became a tax-exempt 501(c)  
(3) Organization. Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible.

The financial report for year-end 2015 and the interim report for 2016 were distributed to members. The written Interim 2016 report shows 130 members to date, and \$450 in additional donations. President MacBride reported GIA received an additional \$75 in donations and one additional membership after the report was printed. We now have a total of \$3,800 in contributions as of the meeting date. Both reports were approved as written.

The annual dues of \$25 per family were approved again for next year.

A suggestion from last year's annual meeting on ways to increase memberships was implemented this year. Ripley Forbes took the lead on a project to design a brochure that encapsulates information about our island association. Thanks to the generosity of Pete Derby, one of our Directors, the brochures were printed and available to those who came to the meeting. Members will receive a copy in the spring when the dues notices go out.

The GIA makes annual contributions to other tax exempt organizations that support environmental/conservation efforts affecting the quality of life on the lake.

Ripley Forbes asked that we examine each of these agencies before next year to see if the amounts of our donations still make sense and if there are other ways we can help these organizations. Allison Toates seconded this idea and asked the board to remember the other important issues with the town of Gilford and Glendale such as property taxes, parking and recycling etc. because those are important to islanders too.

Following is a breakdown of the proposed 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

A motion was made to add the Winnepesaukee Sailing Club to the list in the amount of \$100. Pro and con discussions followed this motion. A vote was called and the addition did not carry. A vote was then taken on the original list of contributions and passed. The total amount of the contributions is \$1,325.

Members are reminded to notify the association if their email changes. Please send updates to Sue Colbert, Secretary, at [welchislander@optimum.net](mailto:welchislander@optimum.net) or to the website, [gilfordislands.org](http://gilfordislands.org), or to Jim MacBride at [jimmacbride@msn.com](mailto:jimmacbride@msn.com).

Janice McKittrick and Alan Sherwood were thanked for their many years of service as volunteers in the water sampling program for the Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA). They are retiring from the program this year. Volunteers help assure LWA's continuous measurement of the lake's water quality. Andy Opel volunteered for the program at our meeting.

Jim MacBride reported that HB 1589, Clean, Drain, and Dry your boat (milfoil control) was signed into law effective 1/1/2017. The ban on lead sinkers and jigs became effective June 1, 2016 (Loon protection). Another bill, (HB1517), is under study for Temporary Seasonal Docks for setbacks and permit by notification, especially on lots less than 75 feet. This may see proposed legislation for 2017.

The sudden loss of one 8 hour boat docking space (4 posts) to a "Load and Unload only space was a surprise to islanders. The change was intended to be a trial to see if boat launches and loads could be expedited on weekends. Several GIA Board members met with the Town Administrator and attended the Board of Selectman meeting and all agreed on a compromise solution. At the end of the season an evaluation will be done to see if the trial had any impact on the weekend boat launches. The selectman apologized for initiating the trial without first notifying our membership.

The compromise solution allows boat parking during the week. On weekends, the spot is reserved for load and unload only. In return two more parking spots are available on the 3 hour dock and islanders can park there longer, if no spots are available on the 8 and 12 hour dock. They should notify the guard on duty if they will be longer than 3 hours.

The islanders present at the meeting expressed concern that there is no recycling done at Glendale. A motion was made to notify the town that the Gilford Island Association wants to have recycling facilities reinstated at Glendale next year. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Andy Opel asked the board to investigate adding package boxes at the docks for UPS and Federal Express package delivery that are similar to the ones used by the USPS. It is hard for islanders to receive packages from those groups.

Tom Mullen reported a water main break at the new Marine Patrol Building that sent a large amount of silt into the lake. He talked to the Marine Patrol Project Manager but requested that the town keep a better watch on the site. Rick Holdaway contacted the Town Engineer who said he has oversight inspections regularly at the building site.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.