

The annual spring meeting of the West Hill Lake Shore Property Owners Association was held on Saturday, July 2, 2005 at Camp Workcoeman. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by President Evelyn Smith, who thanked the Stash Karoliszyn and the North End crew for the excellent chicken meal, which was attended by approximately 100 people. Claire DePersia read the minutes from the August 28, 2004 meeting that were accepted as read. Corresponding secretary Janet Fredsall read an acknowledgment from the New Hartford Library thanking us for our donation of books to the library in memory of MaryEllen Adamo and Irving Mills. She also read thank you notes from the Adamo family and the Mills family for the donations to the library.

Sue O'Rourke reported that we had \$1,660 in the checking account as of May 31, 2005. The value of the five-year fixed annuity was \$7,576. The five-year period is now completed and the annuity is now a yearly term at 5.05%. Interest earned was \$364. Dues received from last year were \$3,415 up from \$1,800 the previous year. Total expenses were \$4,310 leaving us a deficit of \$880. This was due to additional cost of the first year of water quality monitoring. The checking account balance as of July 2, 2005 is \$3341. We have received dues to date of \$2,280, which includes 108 members and 17 associate members. Dues receivable is \$1,420. The budget for June 2005 to May 2006 shows dues of \$3,415, interest income of \$350, and various expenses totaling \$2,718, which leaves us a surplus of \$1,047. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

#### Local Issues:

**Barkhamsted:** Janet Fredsall reported that the North End Store has changed its name to West Hill Grill. They are offering new food selections and adding activities such as open mic on Friday and Saturday nights and game night on Wednesdays. The store has not been sold. Barkhamsted mill rate is staying the same as last year.

**New Hartford:** Bill Gerner reported that Brodie Park playscape that was part of a \$200,000 grant is completed. Brodie Park has also started working on a two mile walking trail that should be completed by next year. Work will be done on some bridges during the summer on West Hill Road near the intersection of Rt. 219, which could cause inconvenience for some members. He also mentioned about "Dog Days" in New Hartford. It started on Memorial Day with about 25 businesses donating funds with approximately 45 artists painting the dogs. There will be an auction on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Ski Sundown with monies going to four non-profit organizations. Questions followed regarding prices for Brodie Park.

**Membership:** Carolyn McCallum reported that we have two new members:

Robert and Barbara Pelletier, Bruning Rd, New Hartford  
Robert (12) and Elise (10)

They will be making their residence at the former Casseboom property, 2 Dillion Beach Rd. (Their lakefront is between the dam and Laurel Acres beach.

Clinton and Nancy Gilbert, of Westport, CT  
(daughter and son-in-law of the Cisco's, who have been on the lake for 38 years.

They purchased the former Pierson property, 596 West Hill Rd., adjacent to the south end and Brodie Park.

Evelyn reminded members to introduced yourselves to new neighbors, tell them about the Association and notify Carolyn.

**Lake Management:**

Skip Sly asked if there were any questions regarding the reports sent to members. The lake will be lowered again this fall 24 inches. In 2006 the lake will be lowered three feet.

We are participating in a study with other lakes regarding water quality relative to the secchi disks. Al Brunoli gave us the readings that were taken two weeks apart.

1st reading	13'10"
2 <sup>nd</sup> reading	15'6"
3 <sup>rd</sup> reading	17'4"

Our water quality and clarity is excellent. The readings are taken between Teddy Bear and the swimming area at Broody. He also mentioned that the books in the library are very scientific but they also give you the common names of the plants. Some plants can have five common names. He mentioned that he has more books at his home than the library has on wetlands. Skip also mentioned that if you have weeds along your shoreline that you question, take samples, put them in a bottle with water and they will look at it. As far as we know the weeds we have are not invasive. Carol Ross answered a question regarding the water height during the winter, which was a result of a heat spell in January that melted the ice.

**Old Business:**

Evelyn thanked Stash and Judy for all their work and extra work for the super job they did.

Tom Beecher, Janet Fredsall and Bill Adamsen work on our website. Presently, we have 35 members who are included on the website. The notices, minutes and agenda's will still be mailed. These will be posted also on the website. We encourage everyone who has a computer to use the website. Tom will explain more at the fall meeting.

Boating regulations were mailed out to all members. The current regulations are effective from June 15 to Labor Day only. The DEP is having some personnel problems (one problem is that they do not have a person who takes the petition and walks forward with it). However, Evelyn has been in close contact with Eleanor Mariani. Evelyn feels that she will move forward in some way with our petition. They are in communication with the Fish and Game. Presently, the petition is on hold. The new person will carry it forward to the State, and then have an open hearing. No date has been set.

Stash made a box for the boat launch area for information regarding boating regulations, plants, speed limit etc. He also mentioned that he still has "no trespassing" signs.

Evelyn brought two copies of the Connecticut Boating Guide 2005 from the Town Hall. They are ordering more copies. She also reminded members of the flyer on Reporting Violations to the DEP.

**New Business:**

The Fall Annual meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2005 at Camp Workcoeman. The East Side has the honor of serving us! Paula Ivany asked members to contact her around August 1<sup>st</sup>.

The West Hill Lake map is being updated. Bill Staudermeyer created the map. We will have an alphabetic list and numeric list of the members. The names will not be written on the map. We are aiming to have the map completed by August. Evelyn thanked Sue O'Rourke, Carolyn McCallum and Janet Fredsall for their work.

Questions were raised regarding the boating regulations. We will be given a months notice of the hearing and also the hearing should be in close proximity to the Lake.

Evelyn's Dream: The Town of Windsor published a book called "Windsor Story Tellers." People shared their stories of the town. From that came the encouragement to write stories about what they remembered about the town when they were kids. Windsor ended up with two volumes. West Hill Lake has many stories or memories and she encouraged us to write our tales. We have oral tapes from Irving Mills and Marcia Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire DePersia  
Recording Secretary