

**West Hill Lake Shore Property Owners Association  
Minutes of Membership Meeting  
Saturday, June 20, 2015**

Attendees – Officers and Governors:

Pete Humphrey, President  
Steve Unger, Vice President  
Sue O'Rourke, Treasurer  
Barbara Linton, Corresponding Secretary  
Lorraine Miner, West Governor  
Blake Hall, South Governor  
Rich Abraham, North Governor  
(Unable to attend: Pat Gallagher, Past President, Stash Karoliszyn, North Governor,  
Nancy Gilbert, Secretary)

Attendees - Committee Members:

Linda Gallagher, Membership Committee (Unable to attend)  
Brenda Pelletier, Local Issues, Barkhamsted (Unable to attend)  
Blake Hall, Local Issues, New Hartford  
Bill Adamsen, Lake Management Committee (unable to attend)  
Pete Humphrey, Lake Management Committee  
Steve Unger, Lake Management Committee

Location: Camp Workcoeman, New Hartford CT

Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 10:50 AM.

Steve started the meeting asking how many members are receiving emails. He asked everyone to use the sign in sheet and to register their emails so they can receive information.

Steve turned the meeting over to Pete. Pete opened the floor for questions about the minutes from August 24, 2014 meeting. There were no questions or corrections. Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the August 24, 2014 membership meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sue O'Rourke gave the Treasurer's report as follows: WHLSPOA has \$22,902 in its checking account. The past fiscal year ending on May 31, 2015, we collected 7,000 in dues and spent \$4,305. The expenses included \$2,098 for water quality testing, leaving us with a net income of \$2,695.

Our new budget includes \$7,000 of income from dues. Our anticipated expenses include the two picnics, insurance, Pond Association dues and water quality testing.

Pete mentioned that membership dues were not increased and remain at \$70 for full members and \$50 for associate members.

There were no questions about the report. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Treasurer's report was approved.

Membership Committee Report:

Pete discussed new members . Lynn Florio mentioned the purchase of the Pond property .

Local Issues:

New Hartford –Blake deferred to Pete to discuss the Town line item. Pete reported that the Town of New Hartford agreed to pledge funds for water quality testing and weed mitigation.

Blake gave an update on the missing Patricia Cole, and that the authorities made seven attempts to find her. The town police boat is back on the lake and will aid in the search.

He reminded everyone that the triathlon is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Lake Management Committee - -Water Quality Issues/ Comments/Actions:

Skip Sly gave the report in Bill Adamsen's absence.

Skip reported that the purchase of water quality testing equipment was made possible by Bill Adamsen's success in acquiring Norcross grant funding and by several anonymous local donations. Pete mentioned the equipment should be here next week. He also reported that the Town of New Hartford created for the first time a line item in its budget for lake water testing and weed mitigation. A brief discussion on Lake Waramaug's ongoing efforts to maintain water quality took place. Their continuing efforts to prevent algae blooms and fight eutrophication have exceeded \$5 million,

which makes the \$8,500 contribution from the town for preventive measures seem very reasonable.

Skip mentioned a recent discussion he had with George Knoecklein about a lake similar to West Hill that has deteriorated significantly. George is scheduled to be on the lake next week to conduct the water testing. Skip reiterated the need to be phosphorous free to protect the water quality.

Mary Hourdequin spoke about invasive plant species and how we need to do more ourselves to control the introduction of invasive species at the public boat launch. There is a meeting for DEP training to discuss invasive species next Saturday, June 27 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 at the Town Hall.

Pete encouraged everyone to sign up for Russ' septic cleaning to take advantage of the discount.

Pete again stressed the importance of being diligent and to be committed to do everything we can to keep the water clean.

Pete and Steve discussed the Lake Smart pledge, which emphasizes that what we do at home has a huge impact on our lake.

Adjournment:

The next meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2015 at Camp Worcoeman.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Gilbert, Recording Secretary.