

Meeting Minutes for

Meeting of the July 2024 of Lake Maspenock Preservation Association was called to order at 6:30 PM on Tuesday July 16, 2024, at Yvonne & Mike Riley's house, 201 West Main Street, Hopkinton, MA

MEETING DETAILS.

Location: **The Riley's house**
201 West Main Street, Hopkinton, MA

Meeting Facilitator: **S. St. Pierre, President**

Secretary: **Paula Toomey, Secretary**

Date: **July 16, 2024** Time: **6:30 PM**

ATTENDEES.

Yvonne Riley, Sabine St. Pierre, Scott Colwell, Michael Riley, Paula Toomey, Mark Sexton, Amy Uliss, Jaime Gonclaves

ABSENT: John Coutinho,

PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

The agenda for this meeting was distributed and approved.

REPORTS

Item #1: finance Update

Details: 7:00:

- *Filters of interest were included (re: interest in Cornhole, etc.)
- *Renewals were sent to 125 people; checks are coming in
- *Lot's of checks coming in from Marla & Steve's wedding
- *June - \$3,375 in donation
- *YTD: \$4,153 total donations
- *Marla: Microsoft has a matching donation
- *Marathon donations: \$7,722
- *Balance: \$18,000.00
- *Interest to date: \$0.61
- *Will open second account at Webster Bank for fundraising. Scott will help.
- *Keep operating expenses separate from fundraising

Item #2 Membership Update:

Detail: 7:20 *Yvonne: Send email to people letting them know that their membership has expired. Haven't heard from you recently, are you still interested in being a member?

*Mike: Will this put us over the limit for emails?

*Yvonne: No, there is a 1,500 email limit per month. Above that is a nominal cost. Defer to email to August because of Spring Fling and July activities.

*Do we want to be included in the Hopkinton Women's Phone Book? No, we would need a dedicated line.

Item #3 Communication

*Details: 7:25

*Patty, Sabine, Amy, Yvonne: Communication Manager of LMPA - e-mail, helping Yvonne, answering emails, etc.

*Jaime: Loop in somebody who is younger to help communications

*Yvonne: Marla is interested in helping

*Sabine: include Marla in emails.

*Is Tina doing Facebook? Sabine will speak with her about posting on FB.

*Tina is a great resource

Item #4: Weed Update/RiskManagement Plan Update

Details: 7:40

*Mike: No weeds at the surface

*Sabine: weeds bad at the beginning of the summer. Imagine if they were not treated?

*Jaime: Has anybody dove down to the bottom of the lake?

*Mike: Yes. Lot's of dead vegetation.

*Jaime: Filing for extended draw down this year

*Sabine: Joe Baldiga - CIG - did lots of work. We need to send out thank you letters.

*Mike: Agree. We will all sign the letters

*Mark: We need an address.

*Sabine: Send Kerry one also.

RiskManagement Plan Update

*Mike: Met with Kerry and Con. Com. re: Sustainability.

*Complaints that there is not enough salt on the streets.

*The real problem is drainage.

*Ron's PP demonstration showed all this.

*Sweep streets at the end of winter

*Scott: Town is driven by safety first? Who is making that call?

*Mike: Push for a low salt area. Ed Herrill Con. Com. or the Sustainable Committee.

*Salt contributes to increase in weed growth.

*The runoff from Price Chopper parking lot goes to North Pond basin from West Main Street.

*Sabine: Extends to Pond Street that H2O is a concern. Should be part of risk assessment.

*Phosphorus level is not an issue; salt is: Con. Com's. mind-sets need to shift.

Item #5: - Sandy Beach/Parks & Rec Update

Details: 7:50 *Sabine: Next Wednesday (7/24/24) meeting with subcommittees (no longer ad-hoc).

*Will Burke is the new chair

*Seth Kenney is Vice-Chair

- *Will speak with life/gate guard for feedback.
- *There are or pontoons on the lake
- *Gate guards are 14-15 year olds letting people, who are not residents, in.
- *Handing out passes (all are the same color)
- *Perhaps they could be three separate colors to differentiate between person, car, boat trailer.
- *Needs to be different colors every year.
- *Police aren't ticketing
- *Swimming is happening outside of the swimming area during guard time.
- *Somebody tried to bribe a life-guard with alcohol; the guard gave the person a pass because he was frightened.
- *Sabine called the police; they spoke with the life-guard and two women
- *Police did little to address issue
- *Mike: Three drownings; none were residents
- *Two were Swimming out of view
- *Expired permits

Parks & Rec Update

- *Sabine; Meeting with P&R and Police Chief or Lieutenant regarding this.
- *Maureen is the supervisor of P&R - she should be the contact person
- *Mike: At Hopkinton State Park there are two police with signs we are closed. They are town and state employees
- *Sabine: requested detail for after 5:00pm
- *Mike: Spoke with Kerry regarding the gate. Easier to control the boat ramp. In the past, it was closed off at night and re-opened in the early a.m.
- *Scott: State law - access to lake
- *Yvonne: Dropping people and boats off at the old abandoned dock.
- *Sabine: Community Advocate: Lake Quinsigamond has one re: jet skis.
- *Mike: No restrictions. Lake is non-restrictive.
- *Sabine: Hop News: Highlight non-resident issue about the jet skiers.
- *Jaime: Hop News is local. Not worthwhile. Need to address the issue with the Police, P&R, Education.
- *Mike: Lots of people do not have passes or updated passes.
- *There needs to be a unified approach
- *Scott: Maureen is not there to supervise because she is stretched thin.
- *Jaime: What happens after 5:00pm?
- *Mike: Call police
- *Sabine: P&R should be the ones monitoring and calling the police
- *Mike: Where are the cameras?

Item #6 Community Building Events

- Details: 8:05 *Sabine: Family fun Day turned out great!
- *Annual Boat Parade: Mario Brothers won. Drew will let Chase know. Trophy will be presented at Corn Hole.
- *Yvonne: PSA: Nobody should be riding on the bow of a boat. Boaters are to follow Mass Maritime laws. Children under 15 should be wearing life jackets. Don't exceed the capacity of the boat.
- *Mark: We sponsor the event. Are we liable?
- *Sabine: How are we going to remember future dates, etc.
- *Paula: Add to Google Calendar

Cornhole:

- *Yvonne: Sent out via Hubspot via email

- *Sabine: Membership Drive:
- *Yvonne: Six teams left to fill.
- *Sabine: FB post, perhaps no one is a member because one person has to be a member. Have them sign up to be a member
- *Yvonne: No one is playing for the first time. CH is dying a natural death.
- *Mike: Let CH Committee do this. Usually one or two teams win. Why play? The afterparty.
- *Yvonne: people play to meet people; if they are eliminated early in the day, they may not come to the after party.
- *Sabine: Switch it up; can't just nip it in the bud.
- *Yvonne: Maybe dying a natural death. Push back from people on FB page
- *Mike: Non refundable fee; have to pay for membership fee to play.
- *Sabine: Think about next year. No sandwich boards. Is this really a community event?
- *Do we want to make this a huge community event?
- *How can we make this different for next year?
- *Mike: People running this are pulling back from the LMPA.
- *Sabine: Need to bring new people to mentor to take this on.
- *Yvonne: One half of the group is done; we need more people to step up.
- *Jaime & Sabine: Absolutely need to put this on FB.
- *Sabine: Chili cook-off at Sabine's September 29 12-4.
- *Rens will do a car show in the beach parking lot 10-12.
- *Jaime will help coordinate.
- *Members only.
- *Sabine: Pop ups: volleyball, Ladies Night, Boat Tour, Pickleball at Fruit Street

Item #7 Other News -

Details: 8:25 *Sabine: Downey Street land sale did not go through. Gem Realty in Chicago

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting ended at 8:30 Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 13 at Scott Colwell's house, 101 Crockett Road, Upton, MA.

Minutes submitted by: _____ Print Name: Paula Toomey, Secretary

Approved by: _____ Print Name: Sabine St. Pierre, President