

Gregg Lake Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2019

In attendance: Denise and Paul Scott, Ellie Nevala, Jan and Tom Boyle, Ruth Benedict, Earle and Jeanne Shumway, Linda and Steve Noone, Gwen Callahan, Marlene and Jerry Schultz, John Reinstein and Nancy Gertner, Martha and David Osler, Joan Gorga, Joann Kloss, Tim and Linda Morehouse, Ursula and Jacques Perivier, Helen and Frederic Perivier, Ulf Birgander, Janice Mellen, Dan Robinson and Ken Akins.

President Jan Boyle called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

Welcome & Introductions

Introductions were made by all in attendance.

Recording Secretary:

The minutes of the Spring 2019 meeting were accepted as amended.

Treasurer's Report:

Fall	Report	2019	Gregg Lake Association	
Date	Deposit	Checks	Balance	
06/30/19	XXXXXX		1,832.02	Balance @ June 2019 Meeting
05/30/19	25.02	0	1,857.04	Dues Received on Web Page
05/31/19	25.02	0	1,882.06	Dues Received on Web Page
06/27/19	25.02	0	1,907.08	Dues Received on Web Page
08/07/19	25.02	0	1,932.1	Dues Received on Web Page
08/07/19	150	0	2,082.1	Dues Received and Deposited
08/08/19	0	163.95	1,918.15	Web Page Annual Costs
08/08/19	25.02	0	1,943.17	Dues Received on Web Page
	0	0	0	
08/24/19		Balance	1,943.17	Balance @ August 2019 Meeting
Total	Deposit	Checks		
	275.1	163.95		

Treasurer
Ken Akins
Kenneth D. Akins

The annual association dues of \$25 per household can be paid in person to Ken Akins or online through the GLA website:

http://www.gregglakeassociation.com/store/p5/Pay_your_dues%21.html

Corresponding Secretary:

President Jan Boyle spoke for Charlene Stephens who could not be at the meeting. Please visit the GLA website (www.gregglakeassociation.com) for current information relating to the GLA as well as the past meeting minutes. Charlene Stephens, Corresponding Secretary, can be reached through the 'Contact Us' link or at charstephens2@gmail.com. Please reach out to her if an update is needed to your member contact information.

Old Business

Antrim Wind Update: President Jan Boyle reported that she observed that the Antrim Wind Project was testing one of the turbines last week. At that time, no sound was heard coming from it while walking on Gregg Lake Road. There have been comments heard that the project is not on schedule for full operation by August 30 but may be online by mid or late Fall.

Lake Water Testing Update: Joan Gorga first spoke on behalf of Celeste Lunetta, Director of the Antrim Recreation Department. She thanked the members of the GLA for their strong support of the Lake Host Program this summer. By doing so, the volunteer hours needed for receiving grant money were met.

Gregg Lake E. coli levels continue to be low, resulting in the state terminating their visits to test the water. Samples will now be collected by Celeste or during VLAP sampling, as the state will analyze them if we take them to the testing labs. Joan Gorga and Ben Pratt performed the LAP testing in June, July and August this year. All the analysis is not yet complete, but the following can be seen from the data so far:

Lake temperatures: Temps at all depths were consistent with previous years. There is no concern.

Dissolved Oxygen: By August this year, dissolved oxygen was extremely low from a depth of 22 feet to 36 feet at the deepest spot. Few organisms can survive where there is no oxygen, and phosphorus is released from bottom sediments. This is a concern.

Phosphorous: Phosphorus is slightly increased in the upper thermal layer and greatly increased in the bottom layer this year. This is a concern.

Chlorophyll-a: Chlorophyll-a levels were also somewhat elevated over those of the last few years, indicating increased amounts of algae suspended in the water column. This is a concern.

Gregg Lake Watershed Management Plan Committee Work: Joan Gorga, Project Manager, shared that after extensive watershed research, data analysis and tabulation the committee has completed their study of the Gregg Lake watershed and is beginning to formulate an Action Plan.

Consultants FB Environmental and Horsley-Witten Group have recently provided recommendations regarding lake pollutant loading, full buildout of the watershed and conceptual

engineering designs for mitigating erosion and deposition of sediments and other pollutants into the lake. Precipitation, land cover, land usage and soil type all factor into lake pollutant loading. The Action Plan includes working to reduce erosion in several major project areas: Brimstone Corner Road, Gregg Lake Road, Holt Hill Road, White Birch Point Road, Craig Road, the Antrim Town Beach and Boat Launch and private properties along the Gregg Lake shoreline. Plans are underway for the Antrim Highway Department to begin working on the major road projects, and the Watershed Committee is working to submit an application for grant funding for improvements to the town beach and the boat launch, with a plan to apply funds that will be coming from TransAlta once the wind turbine project is operational toward a 40% match.

GLA members were given a helpful 'Phosphorus and Sediment Impact Survey' (which can also be found at the end of these minutes). This survey is private and individual. It does not need to be submitted and is meant to be educational for home owners about the impact of their property use on the water quality of Gregg Lake. Next summer the Watershed Committee will be providing workshops and further information on stormwater management and landscaping to protect lake waters.

Antrim Police Department Reminder: Vacant property forms are available on the Antrim website (<https://www.antrimnh.org/sites/antrimnh/files/uploads/vacantproperty.pdf>).

GLA Website: Member photos and short stories are an important part of the GLA website. Please send your contributions to Corresponding Secretary, Charlene Stephens at charstephens2@gmail.com.

New Business

Spring Meeting Host: Martha and David Osler will host the Spring Meeting on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at their cottage at 175 Gregg Lake Road.

These directions have been provided by Martha and David: Walkers can use the (steep) stairway up to the house from the road, using the sturdy railing. Or, people can drive up S. Holt Hill Road, turn around and park on the road, facing down the hill. After parking on South Holt Hill Rd, drivers can walk down the driveway/right-of-way to the Osler's dark green house. (Look for the Osler's name on a tree at the driveway/right-of-way).

Members' Forum:

Helen Perivier commented that The Gregg Lake Watershed Management Plan Committee has been praised by the NH-DES as an exemplary committee working with multiple town groups in a cooperative way which has garnered large success. Congratulations to Joan Gorga and the full GLWMP Committee.

Nancy Gertner reported seeing a bear on more than one occasion in the area.

Denise Scott shared an idea from Steve Ullman that perhaps the GLA will want to name a section of Gregg Lake after the late Steve Sawyer, brother-in-law to Ken Akins and strong steward of

nature worldwide. Steve Sawyer spent years of his youth on Gregg Lake and the idea of honoring him in this way will be considered at the Spring 2020 meeting.

NH-DES Grant Application:

- a. After discussion, the membership voted to fund a \$1,000 pledge to support the Gregg Lake Watershed Committee's grant application to NHDES for remediation of erosion hot spots (identified in the recent watershed study). As part of a much larger matching grant, this support will result in significant funding from the state. Joan Gorga will include the GLA pledge in her grant application to NHDES, showing solidarity of town and associations, strengthening the grant considerably.
- b. The membership voted to reallocate the use of the necklace fundraiser earnings (\$755) from potential, future invasive species mitigation to the immediate support of the Gregg Lake Watershed Management Grant with this pledge of \$1,000. Please note that the remaining \$245 is available from 10% percent of all annual member dues which are allocated to caring for the health of the lake.
- c. Joan Gorga and Treasurer Ken Akins will work together to see this pledge through to actual contribution.

Marlene Schultz asked GLA members who are also members of the White Birch Point Association to please ask that group to also support the NH-DES grant application with a pledge of support.

President Jan Boyle announced that Janice Mellen will be moving to the Portland, OR area this Fall and that she will be missed. Janice plans to be at Gregg Lake for future visits.

Reminder of Annual Meeting for 2020: Next year's Annual Meeting will be held **August 29, 2020** at 12 Noon at the GLA Picnic Pavilion at Gregg Lake Beach.

The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Benedict
Recording Secretary

ADDENDUM to the Meeting of August 24, 2019:

The following message is from Antrim Recreation Department Director, Celeste Lunetta and arrived via email just before the Fall Annual Meeting. The GLA Officers regret not reading it at the meeting on Saturday, August 24 but wish to share her message here:

I would like to express sincere gratitude to the folks who stepped up this year to support the Lake Host Program and ask for recognition of their efforts at your meeting tomorrow.

First, thanks to Jeanne Shumway for helping promote the program early in the season, the article she wrote was put in the paper and on the town website. As a direct result, we gained two community member Lake Host volunteers!

(The) GLA (members) and greater community who attended a training session and participated in Lake Hosting this year are Jan Boyle, Tom Boyle, Michelle Caughey, Virginia Dickinson, Joan Gorga and Lucille Lacombe. Everyone made a meaningful contribution to protecting Gregg Lake and educating boaters about the importance of cleaning, draining and drying their boating vessels.

We are still collecting data, but here are some numbers that go through August 4, 2019. As of the end of July, 373 boat surveys were performed, with educational outreach to more than 425 people. Over 160 volunteer hours have been tallied to meet our grant match, a value of more than \$3,800 dollars.

I am so grateful to the generous, and INDEPENDENT nature of all these volunteers. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

The boating season stays busy through September, and Charlene's final grant hours will be used up this weekend. Michelle has created a calendar and can share it with you for ease of signing up for shifts.

Thank you again and have a wonderful picnic!

Celeste

Note from President Jan Boyle: After speaking to Michelle Caughey about the Lake Host calendar referred to above, Jan learned that Michelle decided to wait until next year to create it.

Your Phosphorus and Sediment Impact on Gregg Lake

(Cyanobacteria green)	Yes	No
Do you import sand to any point within 50 feet of the lake shore?	1	0
Do you have open lawn leading down to the lake shore?	1	0
Does stormwater run unimpeded from your property into the lake?	1	0
Do you use fertilizers within 100 feet of the lake shore?	1	0
Is your septic system more than 25 years old?	1	0
Do you pump your septic tank less often than every three years?	1	0
Do you operate a boat with greater than 20 horsepower?	1	0
Do you operate a motorboat at other than headway speed closer than 150 feet from the lake shore?	1	0
Do you operate a motorboat at other than headway speed in areas less than 20 feet deep?	1	0
Except for clearing a narrow path, have you removed trees and shrubs from the area within 20 feet of the shoreline?	1	0
Do you have impervious surfaces in your yard?	1	0
Do you leave trash or fire debris on the ice to fall into the lake?	1	0
Do you shoot fireworks over the lake?	1	0

Scoring:

0-1 **True Steward of Gregg Lake**

2-13 **Consider assessing your impact on the water quality of Gregg Lake**