

**Gregg Lake Association
Spring Meeting Minutes
May 29, 2021**

Held at the home of Martha and David Osler 175 Gregg Lake Rd

Attendees:

In person: Hosts – Martha & David Osler, Denise & Paul Scott, George & Michelle Caughey, Marlene & Jerry Schultz, Joan Gorga & Ruth Benedict

Via Zoom: Mary Dillon, Charlene Stephens, Celeste Lunetta, Nick Teich, Allen Sawyer, Jeanne Baker, Tammi Blanchette, Jan Boyle, Dominic Ciccone, Bill Hamilton, Betsy Landis, Gwendolyn & Ron Callahan, Helen Perivier, Kelly Rigg, Marcia & Steve Ullman

President Denise Scott called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM

Welcome

The Oslers were thanked for hosting the meeting.

In memoriam: The meeting began with a moment of silence honoring Ben Pratt, recently deceased longtime Antrim resident, friend of Gregg Lake and of many who love Gregg Lake.

Recording Secretary: George Caughey read the August 29, 2020 Fall meeting minutes (as prepared by Ruth Benedict), which were approved.

Treasurer's report: postponed due to treasurer's inability to attend the meeting.

Corresponding Secretary: Charlene Stephens reported that the GLA website remains active and that annual GLA dues of \$25 per household can be paid online (a fee of \$1.90 applies) at http://www.gregglakeassociation.com/store/p5/Pay_your_dues%21.html.

Alternatively, dues can be paid by check to **Ken Akins at 19 Rachel Lane, Antrim, NH 03440**. Charlene, who created the GLA website, reported that she has moved to Tennessee and seeks a volunteer to train to take over maintaining the website.

Old Business

Police monitoring of vacant homes at Gregg Lake: Denise Scott noted that a call to the Antrim Police yielded a response that there were "no incidents over the winter." However, a tree fell on her shed that went unnoticed or uncommunicated. Another resident found that an LP tank fueling a grill was stolen. Denise will attempt to clarify the Police Department's protocol for monitoring vacant homes in the winter and reporting findings.

Recreation Department update: Antrim Recreation Director Celeste Lunetta reported that the town plans to continue the paid + volunteer Lake Host program, which operated successfully last summer thanks in part to GLA donations and volunteer support. While COVID remains active, she plans for staff to continue to meet people at the parking lot to explain rules and prevent overcrowding. Looking forward to a more normal year, her department does plan to

install the swim float and swim lanes and to sponsor swim lessons. The beach house will remain closed and portable toilets substituted. Non-resident parking fees are raised from \$50 to \$75 for a seasonal permit. She awaits Select-board approval of a plan to reserve and charge Antrim residents for kayak storage spots at the beach (draft plan is to rent spots on daily, weekly, or seasonal basis). Celeste seeks additional volunteers and donations this season to sustain the volunteer + paid Lake Host program. To donate online use this **NH Lakes Association** link (<https://nhlakes.z2systems.com/np/clients/nhlakes/survey.jsp?surveyId=15&>) and **designate the Gregg Lake “Lake Host Program”** as the beneficiary of your donation (you will see Antrim’s Marcel Kallanian as the model Lake Host!).

Gregg Lake Watershed Management Plan update: Joan Gorga reports opposition on Planning and Select Boards to the recommended lowering of the lake level. Another workshop is planned in connection with the town’s effort to update/rewrite zoning ordinances (e.g., setbacks for structures from lake edge, etc.), in part to resolve inconsistencies and points of confusion. This may weaken existing ordinances. Joan encouraged Gregg Lake seasonal and full-time residents to read existing ordinances and proposed revisions and to make comments, as changes may affect the current and future health of the lake. She developed a new sign to post at the boat launch area spelling out state laws/rules applicable to boating on Gregg Lake to reduce confusion about no-wake zones and limits on horsepower.

Infrastructure application: Joan Gorga and Celeste Lunetta reported that they assisted in recent submission of an “intent to apply” document for state/federal infrastructure funds to improve town beach rest rooms and ADA access, add playground features, plant shade trees, landscape eroded areas, install water bars, create rain gardens and perhaps stabilize boat launch ramp, all of which may improve the health of lake and continued recreational use of it.

Lake water-testing update: Joan Gorga reported that the Lake did “pretty well” last year. Frequent testing has established a more reliable baseline than in prior years. In general, the lake is holding steady on phosphorus, algae (chlorophyll-a), and transparency; however, the lake remains on the border between being oligotrophic (“good”) and mesotrophic (“fair”). Parts of the lake were infested with filamentous algae and there was a late-fall bloom of cyanobacteria. She seeks help in continuing water sampling program, especially since loss of assistance from recently deceased Ben Pratt. Jerry Schultz offered to help with water testing.

New Business

--Antrim Chief of Police News: Scott Lester resigned his position effective May 1st and was replaced by Brian Lord, who has been a member of the department since 2008.

--Harbor Camp update: Nick Teich (representing Harbor Camps) reported that 3 camps will be restarted this summer for transgender and gender variant children, children with skeletal dysplasia/dwarfism, and children with craniofacial differences. He expects ~850 campers total over the summer, with strict COVID protocols in place. First campers arrive Jun 27 (with staff arriving earlier) and last campers leave ~Sep 7. He reports that thanks to fees, donations and grants, the camp is in good financial shape and expects to be at Gregg Lake for the long term.

--Antrim Wind/TransAlta: The NH Site Evaluation Committee is investigating complaints regarding non-compliance with agreed-upon noise since the towers came on-line in Dec 2019 with a report due in 2022. Noise monitoring stations have set up at intervals on the peninsula at the Town Beach. There are also issues that remain regarding the FCC lighting of the towers.

--Runoff mitigation: Joan Gorga reported that a NH Dept of Environmental Services program ***Soak up the Rain*** plans to come June 8th at 6:30 PM to give a live program at the Town Beach on how to manage storm runoff, such as by constructing swales on personal property; the intent is to train individuals locally who can teach others. She encouraged individuals interested in preserving lake water quality to participate.

--Trees threatened: George Caughey reported finding woolly adelgids on multiple hemlocks near the Lake; this could spell the end of hemlocks in the area, as it has elsewhere. Although individual trees can be treated at considerable effort and expense, there is no known forest-wide solution.

--Loons: nesting at Gregg Lake for the 2nd year in a row, in the same location.

--Recruiting new members of Gregg Lake Association: Marlene Shultz and Ruth Benedict to look into preparing a brochure (as is done at Pierce Lake) to distribute to new homeowners in and around Gregg Lake.

--**Next meeting**: planned for Aug 28th 12 noon at Town Beach. Bring your own beverage in a non-glass container, a chair and something for the pot luck luncheon.

--**Looking ahead**: A host is needed for the in-person GLA meeting next Spring (May 28, 2022) Please contact Denise to indicate your willingness to host.

--**Call for GLA officers**: With Charlene Stephens' relocation to Tennessee, her position as Corresponding Secretary will need to be filled. If anyone has an interest in any officer positions, including President, please let Denise or any GLA member know, as we will not have another election for two years.

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM.

Respectfully submitted
George Caughey
Recording Secretary