

2024 MVLPA Annual Meeting Minutes JULY 6st 9AM

It was moved and seconded that President Nancy Steproe open the meeting at 9:00. PASSED. It was moved and seconded that the reading of the 2023 minutes be waived. PASSED. It was moved and seconded that all presently serving officers and Board members continue for the 2024-25 year. PASSED.

Guest Speaker was Elizabeth Harper, Executive Director off LSPA.
(elizabeth@lakesunapee.org)

- MVL is in the Lake Sunapee watershed.
- LSPA offers education, research and collaborative action in order to preserve and maintain the ecosystem and protect water quality while continuing to make the area a desirable place to live and recreate.
- Fliers were provided and discussed: Let's Be Clear campaign, Maintain and Extend the life of your Septic System, Lakefront Landscaping, Lake Host Programs, LSPA Summer events, Invasive Species Alert
- A free monthly e-news is available. Visit the website (www.lakesunapee.org) to sign up.
- Japanese Knotweed was discussed It is incredibly invasive and measures to eradicate it should be taken as soon as it is spotted. Once it is established it is nearly impossible to eradicate. There is a group of it on the right side of the road as you first come down Hamel from 103.
- It is important to leave native vegetation in the water.
- LSPA is advising the state regarding potential environmental impact of the proposed additional parking lot at Mt. Sunapee.

There was a moment of remembrance for Ruth Linder who passed away this year. The Association will honor her memory at a later date.

Financial report – Greg Swick, Treasurer, reported that the financial position of MVLPA is steady.. The ending balance as of July 5 was \$11,013...an increase of \$1049 from last year. Our recurring expenses run about \$1400/year. About half of that amount is water testing fees to the lab. All labor, including effort of LSPA staff and interns, is provided for free.

Dues are \$50/year, payable by check, cash or Venmo app (using Nancy Steproe with the email address: mvlpa03782@gmail.com). Participation rate to date is between 40% and 50% of households.

Carol Maraldo reported on [highlights of the 2024 NH Lake Congress](#) held at Lake Winnepesaukee. The guest speaker this year was from EPA. All sessions that she and Joe attended reiterated the need for all lake residents to be vigilant about invasive species. If you see anything questionable in the water, report to LSPA or to Nancy Steproe.

Carol also reminded us that when the water level is high it is important to create very little wake by staying near the middle of the lake.

We are looking for volunteers to attend the 2025 meeting which is held for an entire day in June. MVLPA pays the registration fee.

Weed Watchers – Nancy Steproe announced that 7 lake residents have volunteered to serve as weed watchers. Each person has been assigned a portion of the lake which they will monitor at least once each month. Any changes will be reported using the LSPA system. Susie Burbridge and the Invasive Species Committee Chair from the LSPA Board of Directors provided training to the volunteers on July 5.

Tamara Reynolds indicated that she lives very near DES and volunteered to deliver any collected specimens to them.

David Campbell proposed a method for future trout restocking. It was moved and seconded that the association encourage private donations earmarked for the trout fund. When the total collected reaches \$2000, the Association will match the funds and arrange for the restocking to occur. MOTION FAILED.

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Scott Rouleau (a lake resident) raises fish for a living and has volunteered to serve in an advisory capacity when restocking.

It was decided that a Fall cleanup day will be held at a date between Labor Day and Columbus Day.

Other Comments/Questions were discussed:

- It is a good idea to mark all boats, rafts, etc. either with your name or address so they can be returned to you should they float away from your dock.
- It was noted that all dock bubblers must have signs in all 4 directions and must be registered with the town.
- DES has been contacted regarding the moved marker buoy.
- Carol Maraldo is the Loon Representative for our lake. If you see a loon in distress, contact her or Nancy.
- If you have any issues about animals in general, contact Nancy and she will contact the appropriate person/agency.
- Report any concerns you have about deforestation due to building of new docks to the code enforcer in Sunapee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marty Hopkins, Secretary