

June 23, 2014 – Annual Meeting

Board Members Present were:

President	Dave Evers	
Vice President	Richard Dakin	
Treasurer	Lynn Roberts	
Secretary	Liz Rubitski	
Board Members:	Nicole Krol	Tom Mondelci
	Carolyn Ross	Richard Smith
	Kristin Vernon	Brian Pendleton

President Evers called the meeting to order 7:06 p.m.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- President Evers gave a report for 2013-2014.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- June 24, 2013 minutes submitted by Liz Rubitski
- Motion to approve by Richard Dakin
- Minutes were approved unanimously

### **LAKE HEALTH REPORT**

- Maureen Plumleigh gave a report on lake health and suggested a weed killer that could be made from 1 gallon vinegar, 1 cup Dawn dish washing liquid & 2 cups Epsom salts; several association members mentioned that they had tried it and it worked well.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Lynn Roberts presented the financial statements
  - Proposed budget for 2014-2015 attached (Appendix I)
- Questions from association members
  - How many people haven't paid their association dues and what can we do about it?
    - ~32 owners have not paid & after 365 we put a lien on the property, interest rate is 1.5% a month (or 18% annually) until it is paid
  - How do we trace if someone doesn't pay & they sell their property?
    - Lynn Roberts gets a call from the attorney or the insurance company; liens follow the property and not the property owner
  - What are we charged to put a lien on the property?
    - \$18 because we are a municipality
  - What is the \$9,000 budget item for if the town plows our roads
    - Dave Evers explained that we pay for the 13 association roads and the clubhouse to be plowed
  - How do we get towns to take over ownership of the roads?
    - Association would have to bring them up to town standards which means widening them. This takes away from peoples yards. Drainage has to be installed as well.
  - A question regarding how the town plows in front of an owners property.
    - Dave Evers said to call the town & discuss with them. When he has spoken with the town about this before, they have explained why it

has to be plowed in a certain way but this may be different depending on the property location.

- What does road re-grading do?
  - Smooths it and fills in the potholes
- If someone tries to rent the clubhouse and owes us taxes, do we let them?
  - Lynn Roberts has begun to monitor this
- Is our insurance more expensive because we rent the clubhouse out?
  - We will follow up on this but we don't think so because it is known that the building will get public use.
- Motion made to approve the 2014-2015 budget as presented by Earl Peters & approved unanimously
- Motion made to set the mill rate at 1 for 2014-2015 fiscal year by Marie Feinberg & approved unanimously

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Association member asked about dogs swimming in Haines Park, what can we do?
  - Haines Park is not part of the association and a call to the Town of Old Lyme would be the best course
- Question was asked about a large snake seen in Rogers Lake & it turns out it was a water snake.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Member asked about some street signs with illegible letters.
  - Call the town that the sign is in as they maintain street signage
- Overgrowth at Huntington Bay was questioned
  - Dick Smith, President of the Rogers Lake Authority, responded as this is a RLA issue. He said he puts it in the budget every year, but it gets denied.
- Can we get a grant to dredge Huntington Bay?
  - Rogers Lake Authority would have to look into that
- Member mentioned that we still need the town to extend the burm in front of 43 Rogers Lake Trail
- Question regarding bank owned properties in the association and what to do if the upkeep is behind
  - Call the bank & request that the maintenance be done
- Member mentioned that some folks have a lot of junk cars and there are companies that will remove them for free.
- Member requested that Lone Pine Trail be added to get trees and bushes trimmed.
- President Evers called for a motion to approve the slate of officers for 2014-2015
- Earl Peters motioned to approve and it passed unanimously

Motion to adjourn by Kristin Vernon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Rubitski

## Appendix I

### ROGERS LAKE WEST SHORES ASSOCIATION, INC. PROPOSED BUDGET 2014 – 2015

#### INCOME:

2014 Tax Levy	50,400
Clubhouse Rentals	4000
Bank Interest	5
Town Grant	5,100
Taxes & Interest for Prior List Years	2,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>61,505</b>

#### EXPENSES:

Association Management:	
Bookkeeping Services	0
Office Supplies/Postage	800
Secretarial Services	600
PO Box Fees	70
Tax Bill Preparation	750
Website	135
Clubhouse:	
Cleaning Services	3,000
Management of Rentals	2,100
Janitorial Supplies	650
Electric	2,500
Oil/Propane	5,000
Miscellaneous (painting, upkeep, etc.)	2,500
Socials (Holiday, Summer, etc.)	2,100
Garbage Removal (Lyme Residents)	7,000
Insurance (Clubhouse, Director & Officer Liability, General Liability, etc.)	9,000
Legal Fees and Professional Fees	500
Right of Ways - Upkeep and Maintenance	5,600
Roads:	5,600
Paving / Repairs / Upkeep / Tree Removal	
Plowing	9,000
Mowing / Fall and Spring Clean	4,600
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>61,505</b>