

The Lake Report

An Update from the Lake Winona Improvement Association

Fall 2010

New Officers Elected to Lake Association

After serving 10 years as president and four as treasurer, Lee and Bridget Gardinier said it was time to step down from their respective posts.

A nominating committee, consisting of Robert Proux, Dave Reilly and Shirley White, was appointed at the June 26 meeting to take on the challenge of finding replacements for these rather large shoes.

The committee presented their recommendations, which included reappointing Leslie Avery as Vice President and Nora Foster as Secretary.

With a unanimous vote from those attending the August 14 potluck and meeting, the new officers took their appointed seats.

President: Donald Thibeault (774 Winona Rd) and his wife, Beatrice (Bea), have been living on Lake Winona since 1972. Their home has been in Bea's family since the 1930s. Following a 20-year career as a teacher and administrator at Hawthorn College in Antrim, NH, he worked for Raytheon Computer Services. He continues his love of sports as a sports official for soccer, basketball and baseball.

Vice President: Leslie Avery (88 West Shore Rd) was born and raised in Meredith. She and husband Fred made the lake their full-time residence in 1979 on land that had been in her husband's family since the 1940s. Leslie is a former LWIA President and continues to manage the West Shore Road Maintenance Fund. She is a self-

employed seamstress and avid gardener.

Treasurer: Jay Buckley (156 West Shore Rd) made Winona his home almost three years ago. Originally from Connecticut, the corporate life moved him all around the U.S. He now owns and runs MegaPrint in Holderness. MegaPrint specializes in large format sign and banner printing for small and mid-size companies.

Secretary: Nora Foster (21 Anchorage Rd), her husband Eric and their two children, Evan and Colin, made Winona their full-time residence last year after four years as summer enthusiasts. The couple purchased a NH-based tent rental business, Lakes Region Tent & Event, last May. Nora is originally from Illinois, while her husband grew up in Center Harbor.

The new officers have already met to begin preparing for next summer. On the agenda: when to host next year's business meeting. Typically the meeting as been hosted on a Saturday in mid-July and has been held at 10 a.m. To ensure that as many residents as possible can attend we'd like to gather your opinion on possible dates and

times. An anonymous survey is available at www.surveymonkey.com/s/QXBBZ9M until October 31.

For those who do not have Internet access, please let Nora (nora@lakewinonanh.org) or Don (don@lakewinonanh.org) know your thoughts about the best dates and times.

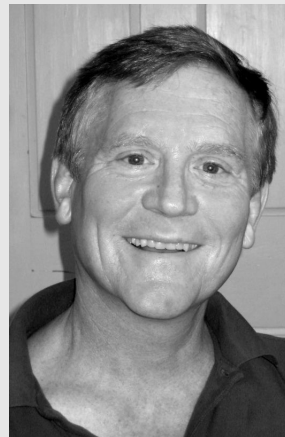
Owners will be notified in May about the meeting.



Don Thibeault



Leslie Avery



Jay Buckley



Nora Foster

Letter from the President

I want to thank the members of LWIA for their vote of confidence in electing me as president. I know we all will miss the leadership that we have enjoyed over this last decade from Lee. I pledge that I will do my best to continue his great service.

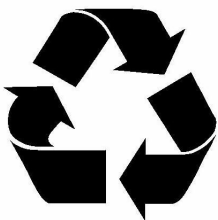
We hope to continue the water quality testing and support the efforts of the Loon Preservation Society, as well as promote fellowship among the residents of the lake. Many have expressed enthusiasm and support for the improved communication via the newsletter and the website (www.lakewinonanh.org) which are maintained by Nora Foster. Your \$15 membership pays to support these efforts, as well as for the pot luck social. For those who prefer traditional mail, your dues pay to print and mail this newsletter and other forms of communications.

If you have an email address and have not been getting information from the association, please let us know. If you know a neighbor that is not an LWIA member, please encourage them to join us in our efforts to keep Lake Winona a great place to live.

For questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 968-7848 or don@lakewinonanh.org.

Thank you,

Don



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Owners Enjoy Another Summer Social & Potluck

The Summer Social & Potluck, hosted by the LWIA on August 14, was a huge success. Winona residents enjoyed delicious potluck dishes, burgers prepared by LWIA president, Lee Gardinier (shown below), and a spectacular lake view from the Anchorage Lodge.

The event, designed to help bring together the lake's small owner community, was first held in August 2008. The 2009 event was cancelled due to rain.

Anchorage Board Members, Ken

Atkins, Russ Berry and Bob Parson, welcomed guests and invited residents to walk through the lodge and see first-hand the restorations that have been made. The Lodge was destroyed by fire in 2004 and rebuilt in 2008.

Membership to The Anchorage, which was restricted to Masonic members, is now open to all residents on the lake. Any questions or to purchase a membership, contact Evan McIntosh at (603) 867-1005 or Russ Berry at (413) 563-7640.



Photo A: Lee Gardinier grills up the burgers; **Photo B:** Sylvia and Bob Farrington enjoy their meal on the porch of The Anchorage; **Photo C:** Left to right: Donna Saia, Don Thibeault, Bea Thibeault, Donna's daughter Ann and granddaughter Alessandra; **Photo D:** Left to right: Kelly and Brian Weekes, Eric Foster; **Photo E:** Left to right: Danny Simon, Colin and Evan Foster, Tricia and Paul Epstein, Dave Reilly, Nancy von der Linden.

DES Continues to Gather Opinions on Lake Level

On August 17, DES held a second hearing at Church Landing in Meredith to solicit public comments on the interim operating level, after which, a final operating level decision will be issued by the department.

In April, DES made a decision regarding an interim operating plan that determined the water level should be maintained at 539.5 feet above sea level for the recreational season (mid-May through Nov. 1). The plan also calls for the level to be gradually lowered to a level of 538.0' after Nov. 1.

At the meeting DES representatives discussed the techniques used during the study and tried to clarify how they reached their decision for the interim plan. Jody Conner, Limnology Center Director at the Watershed Management Bureau, addressed the water quality concerns and the affect water levels and shoreline erosion can have on the health of our lakes.

DES will continue to accept written comments until Sept. 30. Letters may be sent to the New Hampshire DES, Attn: Dam Bureau, P.O. Box 95, Concord, N.H. 03302-0095. DES also has an online survey available at www.surveymonkey.com/s/9NPK88G (one survey per household).

The full 2010 Lake Waukegan/Lake Winona Interim Operating Decision is available on the LWIA website www.lakewinonanh.org/water_reports/InterimWaterLevel_April2010.pdf.

We will continue to monitor the progress of the interim plan and will keep everyone informed as developments occur. We will also continue to monitor the status of the beaver activity on the snake river.

Local Survey Gathers Opinion

On July 25th, Penny Burke, Mary Walker and Althea Dunscombe began a survey of property owners regarding the water level of Lake Winona and how they viewed the "summer recreational level" set by DES. Their goal was to provide DES with a comprehensive survey that would offer an accurate overview of the sentiment of Lake Winona property owners. The survey was also designed to give 100% of property owners the opportunity to voice their opinion.

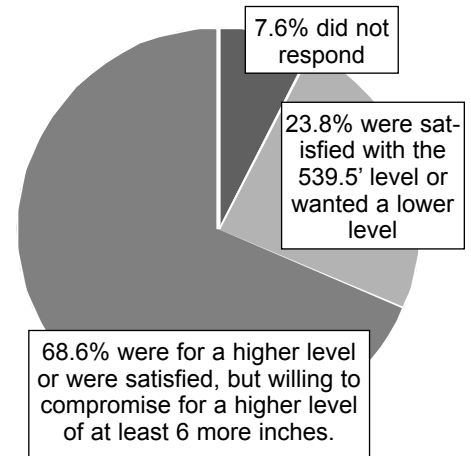
Among the 105 property owners surveyed (only one survey was allowed per property), 23.8% were satisfied with the 539.5' level or wanted a lower level, while 68.6% were for a higher level or were satisfied, but willing to compromise for a higher level of at least 6 more inches. Responses were not provided by 7.6% of property owners. Among respondents, 60% do not favor a fall draw down this year.

This survey was concluded on

September 18. All original surveys and tabulated results were delivered to Steve Doyon at DES, with copies provided to Don Thibeault. Anyone wishing to view the individual surveys or receive a copy of the results may contact Don.

Penny, Mary and Althea express their gratitude to all those who responded to the survey.

Survey Results
(105 Owners Surveyed)



Lake Owner Contact List

Having accurate contact information for owners ensures that you will be kept up-to-date on important news and information.

Name: _____

Lake Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Numbers(s): _____

Email: _____

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Water Skiing Navigation Rule Challenged

According to the NH Boating Safe Passage Requirements, “You may not operate a vessel or ski at a speed over six mph within 150’ of the shoreline.”

For as far back as most residents can remember, the counterclockwise navigation rule, which was developed by lake residents over 25 years ago to maintain safe distance among the large number of skiers on the lake, has been adhered to by owners and “respected” by Marine Patrol.

This summer, however, some boaters were stopped by Marine Patrol and told they could not ski/tube between the island and the point because there was not enough distance. Instead, they would need to ski in both directions between the island and the Winona Rd shoreline.

While today there are only a handful

of ski boats on the lake, the ability to maintain the counterclockwise navigation ensures continued safety, particularly if multiple boats are pulling skiers at the same time.

Apparently there is no official exception to the regulation, and some owners have indicated that LWIA should work with Marine Patrol to establish an official exception supporting the continued counterclockwise navigation for safer skiing and tubing.

We would like to get a consensus of opinion on this matter in order to proceed. We’ve design an online survey at



www.surveymonkey.com/s/QXYCV8S to collect your feedback. For those without Internet access, please contact Don at 603-968-7848 to answer the brief survey questions.