

LGA Trustee Meeting Monday, July 1st, 2026 at 3:30 pm Adjourned 5:00 pm

Attendance: Richard Guy, Susan Pelkey Smith, Kevin McDonnell, Janet Page, Bob Ricker. **Missing:** Matt Coxon.

1) Approval of Minutes - LGA minutes of 06/01/26 were approved.

2) South end boat launch sign replacement design

Discussion

- We finalized the verbiage for the sign and approved expenditure.

Action Items include:

- Kevin to get the sign ordered and put in place.

3) Joe's Pond meeting (eurasion milfoil)

LGA representatives Dick Guy, Susan Pelkey Smith & Dwaine Smith met with JPA representatives, Jack Lague, Sue Rousse-Lague and Barry on 06/22/26.

Discussion:

- Milfoil is expensive to eradicate, if it can be eradicated, Joe's Pond has spent \$60K thus far and has not had success. Joe's Pond has taken herbicide measures earlier than the 3-4 years the state suggests for a nonchemical treatment.
- 100 lakes in VT are infected, only 1 lake has had a successful eradication.
- Power washers and hot water are the best tools for washing boats and trailers prior to launch.
- Prevention is key. Prevention measures discussed in our meeting were:
 - Replace the indiscernible sign at the South End Launch.
 - Discuss with Stillwater/State of VT about replacing the inadequate hose being used with a LGA purchased power washer.
 - Create an awareness paper to share and post on the LGA website. Provide to the Forest Country Store, Stillwater, Ricker Pond, and Osmore Pond for handing out.
- Early detection is key. Early detection measures discussed in our meeting were:
 - Consider having a lake survey done. Arrowwood Environmental from Heinsburg VT was hired by Joe's Pond to identify affected areas. Cost: \$4,000.
 - Meet with the Groton Selectboard to request a monetary amount be put in reserves to assist the LGA in acting fast should milfoil be discovered.

Action Items include:

- Kevin to get the sign ordered and put in place.
- Janet to compose a Milfoil awareness paper.
- Dick will approach Stillwater for approval to swap the hose with a power washer and to see if hot water is available.

4) LGA Annual Meeting

Discussion:

- Dick to secure the Boulder Beach Pavillion for Saturday, September 5th, 2026.
- We will serve quarter chickens instead of half chickens as many people requested a quarter.

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet Page, clerk