

EAGLE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 1986

President Joseph Kane called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM July 5 1986. He announced that, due to the inclement weather and the likelihood of another shower, we would dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1985 annual meeting and with the Treasurer's report and proceed immediately to new business.

Nomination of officers for the 1986-'87 term were made and seconded.

The following officers were elected:

President: Joe Kane
Vice-President: Bill Donnelly
Secretary: Edith Gonyea
Treasurer: Pete Buechner

The president next announced that he had been informed by the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation that monies would be appropriated for the construction next year of a new dam at the outlet of Eagle Lake for the purpose of controlling the lake level. The Dept. requested that they be informed of the level at which the property owners agreed the lake should be maintained.

The president then gave a brief history, based on the minutes of previous meetings of the Eagle Lake Property Owners Association at which the lake level was discussed. He quoted from the Aug. 17, 1935 meeting at which the membership "agreed and decided that the water level of Eagle Lake be maintained four inches below the metal pin inserted and fixed in the side of a large boulder in the lake just East of the boathouse of Edmund C. Luthy." No change in this agreed-upon level was ever made at subsequent meetings of the Association.

The president then threw the meeting open to discussion of the lake water level. Several members with cottages, boathouses and docks, etc. on the lake shore complained of very expensive and serious damage due to the extremely high level of the lake this year which, because of snow run-off, unusually heavy rainfall and the presence of beavers at the dam, is estimated to be six inches above the pin at this time, making it ten inches above the agreed-upon level established in 1935.

George DeLancy spoke at some length, stating that he believed the lake should be maintained at a higher level than that agreed upon in the 1935 meeting of the Association. He further stated that he had secured 27 signatures to a petition requesting a higher lake level.

Mr. Robert DeLano read a petition (copy ~~attached to these minutes~~ *on file*) stating that the Dept. of Environmental Conservation, at the instigation of a very small minority of lake-shore property owners and without the consent or approval of the majority of lake-shore property owners, had in or about the year 1984 redesigned the dam at the outlet of Eagle Lake and narrowed its spillway, thereby illegally raising the water level by more than 6 inches causing severe and continuing damage to the lake shore, to cottages, boathouses, docks, sea-walls and other improvements constructed to conform to the lake level approved by the Association members and property owners in the Aug. 17, 1935 meeting. Further, that raising the water level had made it difficult for most and impossible for many motor-powered boats to pass under the existing bridge on Rte. 74. The petition requested that the water level of Eagle Lake be returned to the level agreed upon by the members of the Eagle Lake Property Owners Assoc. in the 1935 annual meeting.

After some discussion at which no consensus of opinion could be reached, Diane Tiedemann made a motion that: "The water level of Eagle Lake be restored to the level agreed upon at the organization meeting on Aug. 17, 1935, at which time the members agreed and decided that the water level of Eagle Lake be maintained 4 inches below the metal pin inserted and fixed in the side of a large boulder in the lake shore lying just East of the boathouse of Edmund O. Luthy."

The motion was seconded by Janie Stevens and carried with one dissenting vote.

It was agreed that the president should have ballots mailed to property owners so that a written vote on the motion might be taken.

George Delancy stated that the lake is being polluted by septic tank run-off and further that various building additions have been constructed without proper permits.

Mr. Robert Stevens replied that the Dept. of Environmental Conservation had three years ago secured permission from almost every property owner to test septic tanks by the use of dye and that now instance of sewage pollution had been found.

The president then announced that at his request Mr. Schlamp, Conservation Officer of the Dept. of Environmental Conservation, had on June 27, 1986 inspected material floating in the water at the East end of the lake. He informed the president that the floating matter was algae and not a form of pollution. The prevailing West wind drove it to the East end of the lake.

The president informed the meeting that he had been instructed by Mr. Schlamp to inform all Eagle Lake property owners that any change affecting the shoreline made without permission from the Dept. of Environmental Conservation was a violation punishable by fine and that the responsible party would be required to restore the shoreline to its original condition at his expense.

The president adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Edith M. Honyea
Secretary

Results of vote:
85 ballots mailed
49 yes
16 no