

## **KOLELEMOOK LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION (KLPA)**

### **Minutes for KLPA Board Meeting**

Thursday, March 19, 2026, 4:00 pm

Held at home of Steve and Nancy Dolan

Attending: Barbara Cooper, Jerry Cooper, Lori DeConinck, Phil DeConinck, Steve Dolan, Jim Clancy, Lou Senatore (via zoom)

#### **1. Welcome, call to order**

The meeting was opened by Steve at 4:03 pm.

#### **2. Review and approve minutes of 2/19/2026 Board Meeting**

Minutes were unanimously approved as provided.

#### **3. Treasurer's Report – Lou**

##### **a. Dues billing schedule**

Steve sent out the treasurer's report with this meeting announcement. There was one dues deposit, and no expenses. We have a balance of \$6200 going into the coming season. The membership portion of our website has been re-done. You can now make donations for membership and make an additional donation for the watershed fund. Note that there is a charge for PayPal donations. Only the net amount is credited to us. Last year we had 19 PayPal donations and 25 via personal check. The dues notice will go out via MailChimp and will include people on the email list from the septic survey. Goal is to send it out by end of April. Steve plans to talk to Ty regarding fundraising projects.

#### **4. Watershed Plan – Warrant Article Passed! Next Steps**

##### **a. Form Ad Hoc Watershed Committee**

The Watershed Warrant passed with 74 ballots voting YES and 8 ballots voting NO, providing a favorable response of over 90%, exceeding the required 60% to pass. Steve would like to establish an ad hoc watershed committee of 4 to 6 folks. A person with some legal background would be helpful for proposal writing and also for vender selection. Members of the ad hoc committee need not be members of the board. We should all think about people we know who have good skills. Leigh Callaway was suggested and the consensus was he would be an excellent addition. He has expressed an interest before. Phil, Jerry, and Jim also volunteered. Steve will also talk to some others. Alison Conlon was also suggested.

Current status of the watershed work: Steve has reached out to the DES representative, Katie Zink. She has sent us information about an April 1st meeting at LSPA which will be a round table discussion with the various lake associations in the area and their experiences with watershed planning. Our pre-application is due on May 31st. There is an online workshop in mid-April, around the time when the new application forms are available. Katie expressed willingness to meet with Steve regarding our pre application. Steve expects that by the end of April we will meet with DES.

The next select board is this coming Monday. Steve will be going to that meeting, with the goal of keeping the good communication going. Jim suggested a written thank you from KLPA to the select board for their support, and to Jill Watson Perkins and Mike Thomas who is the current Springfield

representative on LSPA. They were available to speak on our behalf but in the end, they were not needed. If our pre-application receives approval then the application goes forward, i.e., we are awarded the grant. If we do not get approved this year, we can apply again next year without needing another warrant.

## **5. Area Reports**

### **a. Water Analysis – Jerry**

Jerry will begin lake sampling. He would like to do 3 or 4, first in May or June depending on weather. Deep water sandy beach bridge area will be included. Lou's boat will be available. Jerry will ask Xavier, high school student, and resident of the lake shore, if he would like to be trained. Jerry is also planning to do oxygen and temperature sampling. He offered to prepare the existing reports as a spreadsheet.

### **b. Lake Host – Vacant! Need to fill out application by 4/1/2026**

Lake host coordinator position is still vacant. Our application to participate in the VLAP program needs to be filled out by April 1st. Steve will submit that. Barbara and Jerry will check with Al to see if he would like to remain on the board, though not as the Lake Host program coordinator. Jerry noted that there will be a DES meeting in April.

### **c. Weed Watching – Danielle**

No news.

### **d. Lake Smart – Jim**

Steve owes several contact details to Jim of prospective participants. It is noted that on March 31<sup>st</sup> there will be a zoom training for lake hosts.

### **e. Facebook – Lori**

Ongoing. No news.

## **6. Open forum**

Steve received an email about a dead animal on the lake about twenty-five feet from shore. Steve emailed the town administrator. The town talked to the road agent, and they could not find anything. They would have called fish and game. Everyone was happy to see Lou joining us today.

## **7. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm. The next meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in April, the 16<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Holland Cooper  
Secretary