

Wonalancet Preservation Association  
Annual Meeting  
August 13, 2017

Present: John Waite, Chair; Directors: Pat Read, David White, Helen Steele, Ruth Moscovitch, Maura King, Ted Sidley, Doug McVicar; Members/Others: Ralph Weymouth, Diana Beliard, Ted Smyth, Mary Breasted, Genevieve Christy, Nancy Stearns, Barbara Sidley, Bill Read, Chele Miller, Matthew Schomburg, John Howell, Patricia Thompson Ryan, Vinton Thompson.

Welcome: John opened the meeting at 8 pm just following a presentation called New Hampshire's Invasive Species, given by NH expert, Doug Cygan.

Wonalancet Passages: A moment of remembrance was observed for Ian Cooke, Marie Ortnier (mother of Vinton Thompson), and Ted Purves who all passed away in the last year.

Approval of the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes: Unanimously accepted with the following spelling corrections: Nancy Stearns and Denny Morton.

Treasurer's Report:

Pat reported a balance at the end of the year of \$9,324.62 in the checking account and \$53,357.92 in the Wonalancet Fund Money Market account.

David moved to accept the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Ruth. Unanimously approved.

Nominating Committee Report: John reported there are no new nominations at this time but made a call for getting the next generation of current families involved .

Lands Committee Report: David gave an update about ongoing land conservation projects. He presented the map which has been undergoing changes since 2014. He reported that together with LRCT the WPA has helped conserve 4 properties in the Wonalancet area amounting to 183 acres of recently conserved properties. He thanked the WPA membership for the funding they provided to help with those transaction costs. Transaction costs include insurance for the property owned by a land trust as the land may be used recreationally by others, the drafting of deeds, recording costs, surveying costs, and stewardship ( monitoring the property forever) also being a large component. He also pointed out that LRCT (Lakes Region Conservation Trust) has embarked on a conservation plan for 30 towns in the Lakes Region so they can incorporate climate resilience data in their information. The work in Wonalancet is part of a larger effort into a regional conservation area that is resilient to climate change.

Presidents Report: John said the Board was busy working on policies which include how to raise more funds and how to spend the Wonalancet Fund. He made a pitch to replace the monies we spend and better define where we can't or should not spend it.

Adjournment: With no further discussion, John made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Helen seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maura King, Secretary

