

# LAE Chronicle

Welcome to the first edition of the LAE Chronicle which is an expanded treatment of the information contained in the earlier Winter Newsletter. We have included a more personal view of the efforts of board members as well as the contributions of many community members that help make LAE a special place. In addition, valuable information, timelines and resources are contained within to keep all informed of community rules and regulations, important dates and updates on community news. Beside this communication, it is strongly suggested that you access our newly constructed and updated website, [www.laeinc.org](http://www.laeinc.org), where you will find even more information about our community and what it has to offer. We hope you will enjoy this new format and look forward to a new year.

## Seasons Greetings from the Chairman of the Board of Directors:

The Fall and Winter seasons have always been a favorite time as preparations are made for the festivities of the coming holidays. For many it is a time to give thanks, a time to reflect on the passing year, and a time to renew our spirits to face the challenges of a new year.

In keeping with the flavor of the season, I would like to formalize my appreciation of the efforts that many members of our community, both on and off the Board, have made to enhance our association and its offerings throughout the year.

Beyond the confines of Board meetings, all members of the Board of Directors as well as many community members volunteer hundreds of hours to provide and support a variety of events for all ages and help to foster a sense of community in LAE. As this message marks the first time this recognition is being formalized in writing, please forgive me if you have volunteered and are not mentioned in my text. If that is the case, please contact me at [rvcruiser@optonline.net](mailto:rvcruiser@optonline.net) and let me know so I can include your name in an addendum sent out in a future mailing.

We have all heard that first impressions are important. Thanks to the efforts of Director **Marylou Frost**, **Karen Hunihan**, and Secretary/Treasurer **Pat Liotta**, the entrance to our community is tastefully maintained with fresh plantings, mulch and seasonal decorations. The artistic talents of **Marylou Frost** are used to refresh our entrance sign that was originally created many years ago by her husband, **Lew Frost**. Additionally, **Marylou** has volunteered to help in all beach house activities, and has taught aerobic exercise classes during the summer months.

A number of "work days" were organized and carried out during the year. These days are extremely valuable to maintain and enhance our community. Scores of volunteers, including past and present Directors, Officers and dozens of community members, including **Phil Mills** and **Spencer Villagio** enabled the completion of many projects. Special thanks to **Don Damm** for initiating this activity and organizing efforts

over the many years he served on the Board of Directors. Further recognition goes out to Vice President, **Dave Dickman**, who organized several volunteers for a clean-up day at the beach area, marina, and tennis court area. LAE President, **Bob Wright**, will expand upon these efforts in his message.

Many opportunities to socialize with our fellow community members were realized during the year thanks to the hard work of several volunteers. Director **Nancy Damm** has headed the activities schedule for many years. Events such as Fun and Games Day, the Spaghetti Dinner, and the Ice Cream Social were very well attended and required the help of many volunteers. Both **Don Damm** and Director **Nancy Damm** have played a pivotal role in each of these festivities and a special thank you is extended to **Arin Mills**, who took the lead in gathering many volunteers needed to run and supervise the games for the children.

If the thought of hosting a large dinner party is daunting to you, imagine organizing, shopping for, preparing and cooking dinner for over one hundred people! Special thanks goes to Director **Celeste Terwilliger** and **Gene Shepherd**, who prepared hundreds of homemade meatballs, cooked gallons of tomato sauce, boiled up many, many pounds of spaghetti, and treated us to many dozens of homemade cannoli. A huge support staff for this event included Director **Nancy Damm**, **Don Damm**, Secretary/Treasurer **Pat Liotta**, and **Karen Hunihan**. Beside her efforts in the spaghetti dinner, Director **Celeste Terwilliger** is an active member of the Roads Committee, along with **Don Damm**, **Becky Denslow**, **Jon Bilski**, and **Dave Dickman**. Her leadership role in managing the Marina along with Director, **Wayne Sandford** ensures a fair distribution of the limited number of dock spaces we have to offer LAE members. Lastly, Director **Celeste Terwilliger** has done an exemplary job in providing accurate minutes for each Board meeting.

Rounding out the social opportunities in LAE, Director **Diane Belcastro** organized and hosted the Ice Cream Social, which is always a popular event. In addition, she is an active member of the winter Neighborhood Watch and will participate in the LAE sponsored welcome efforts being planned for the new members of our community.

On the day to day functioning of the Board in our Association, Historian and Director **Carolyn Russell** has proven to be most valuable in providing the Board with the past Association history dating back to its inception and election results from the membership. With the influx of new Board and community members it is vital to access and provide the background information on issues that have come up in the past. This enables the Board to guide their efforts, prevent “reinventing the wheel,” and ensures that accurate information is supplied when requested.

To welcome new members to our community, Director **Charline Kellerman** is compiling a comprehensive welcome packet that provides key information about LAE, its amenities and available resources. A special thank you goes to **Brett Kellerman**,

who volunteered to revamp our website with updated and new information that proves to be a valuable resource for the entire community.

Director **Lucy Green** has undertaken and completed the arduous task of retyping the existing LAE Bylaws for inclusion in the newly developed website. In addition, thanks go out to Lucy and her husband, **Peter Green**, for their efforts on several work days and practically every activity held at the beach house throughout the year.

The LAE sponsored scholarship available to a Washington senior at Hillsborough/Deering High School is being headed by Director **Ingebord Haug**. With the aid of Directors **Marylou Frost, Lucy Green, and John Balliro**, the recipient of this scholarship will have \$500.00 sent to the college or university they plan on attending the following September. The funds are earmarked to defray some of their freshman year expenses. Any Washington graduating senior is urged to apply. Applications for this scholarship can be obtained from Ms. Kallender in the Hillsboro/Deering High School guidance department.

Last, but definitely not least are the efforts of our Directors, Officers and community members that work to provide a smooth election process starting with the development of the ballot to the ballot counting volunteers. Directors **John Balliro, Lucy Green, Carolyn Russell** and Secretary/Treasurer **Pat Liotta** coordinate this lengthy and arduous process. Special thanks are extended to **Roberta Hamblett, Priscilla Iosch, Peggy Carney and Jean Villagio** who have served as ballot counters for a number of years.

As you can see, the efforts of many people are needed to make our community what it is. We are always in need of more helping hands, no matter how small or large the effort. From folding, stuffing and stamping envelopes for membership mailings to helping out in small construction projects, all volunteers are welcome. Please contact us at [info@laeinc.org](mailto:info@laeinc.org) , if you are willing to volunteer your services when needed. It is our hope to compile a registry to inform community members of events that may need the assistance of volunteers. In the email please provide your name, contact information, skill and what you would be willing to lend a hand for. After all, this is our community and we are LAE.

Peace and Joy to all in the coming New Year,

Rob Villanti  
Chairman, LAE Board of Directors

# Important Resources & Notices

## I: LAE Website ( [www.laeinc.org](http://www.laeinc.org) )

The Board of Directors urges all community members to access the LAE website for pertinent information on a wide variety of topics. Most questions regarding LAE Land and Building Restrictions, LAE and state requirements and the all important Bylaws which define the governance of the Association are some of the important documents that are included. Other documents which should be reviewed are.....

- a) Directory of Officers and Directors
- b) LAE Guest and Renter Rules
- c) Beach House Reservation Form
- d) Canoe/Kayak Sticker Application
- e) OHRV Resources:
  - i) LAE Permit Application
  - ii) Operation Within NH State
  - iii) Operation Within LAE

## II: Dock Space at the Marina for Motor Boats:

The Marina chairpersons are **Celeste Terwilliger** and **Wayne Sandford**. Contact Celeste if you wish to request an LAE owned dock space, which are only available to members who do not have lake/riverfront property. **This is an annual requirement, so if you had dock space last year, you must contact Celeste as soon as possible to ensure that a dock space will be reserved for you.** Send her an email at [laemarina@gmail.com](mailto:laemarina@gmail.com) , and request a link to the online form. Your email needs to be received by Celeste **no later than Saturday, April 1, 2017**. Members who had a dock space in 2016 will receive first priority.

New requests will be handled on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to add your name to the wait list, please email Celeste at the email address listed above and request the waiting list online form.

**All** requests for dock space will be checked with the Secretary/Treasurer to verify that the applicant is up to date with their LAE dues obligation. Dues not paid in full by **December 31, 2016** will result in the denial of a dock space.

**All** boats with an assigned dock space must be moored at their assigned dock by July 1st.

**All docks must be securely anchored to land to prevent floating out of position and potentially damaging other boats.** Day boat parking (boats without an assigned dock) is available at the beginning of the marina area, near the ramp, and is identified with signage. **No overnight parking is permitted.** The combination for the lock on the boat ramp is **0495**.

### **III: Election of Officers and Directors:**

Each year the membership elects all Officers and half of the Directors for the LAE Board at the Annual Meeting. Any member, entitled to vote, who is interested in serving on the Board, should plan to have near perfect attendance at the Board meetings. Interested members who would like more information are urged to send their questions to the LAE email address, [info@laeinc.org](mailto:info@laeinc.org). Every applicant, including current Officers and Directors, who wish to run for another term, must submit the “**Application for Nomination to the LAE Board of Directors.**” This form is available for download on our webpage. Once completed, send via US mail and **postmarked no later than March 31, 2017 to:**

**LAE Nominations  
263 Ashuelot Drive  
Washington, NH 03280**

### **IV: Save The Lake:**

Please be aware that cruising speed is required within the coves, close to shore as well as entering and leaving the marina area. These areas are relatively shallow and low speeds will minimize disturbing and stirring up the lake bottom, which will introduce nutrients into the water column and contribute to the growth of algae. Please reserve powering up your boats for the middle of the lake where the impact to the lake bed is minimal.

Also, please check and remove any weeds from your boat, motor and trailer before launching. Be sure to dispose of any weeds far away from the lake. This will prevent the introduction of invasive, exotic weeds which can cause a number of serious problems that are difficult at best to control. At present, there are no lakes/ponds in the Washington area that have exotic weeds. Surrounding lakes, ponds and rivers have been invaded, so precautions are most important to prevent this from happening in our lake.

### **V: Pets:**

Owners of dogs can obtain licenses at the Washington Town Hall. All dogs are to be leashed and be under the control of their owners at all times. When walking your dogs, please be courteous and pick up their solid wastes for appropriate disposal.

### **VI: LAE Roads:**

During Mud Season, LAE roads are closed to heavy traffic on weekends and holidays. The maximum speed on all LAE roads is 20 mph, to prevent raising excessive amounts of dust and compromising the integrity of our dirt road surfaces.

### **Important Dates:**

**Meet the Candidates - June 24, 2017**

**LAE Annual Meeting - July 8, 2017**

**Work Day - June 10, 2017**

**Fun & Games Day - July 29, 2017**

**Ashuelot Pond Dam Village District Annual Meeting- July 7, 2017**

A winter message from the President.

At our first organizational board meeting, the Board voted to purchase a new tire for the grader. The grader has 6 tires and all but the one was tubeless. The other, which had a tube in it, had gone flat twice in recent months. The tube had been replaced previously but did not last. Upon examination of the tire after it was taken off, it was found to have many broken steel belts inside that were causing the tube to go flat. Finally two tires were purchased to have equal tire wear on both sides. This kept us from using the grader for almost a month. During this time small road issues including several washouts caused by heavy rains had to be addressed using the backhoe. This, however, also needed maintenance as well. The gas pedal was held together with a pair of vice grips and the exhaust pipe was missing a clamp that allowed exhaust fumes to blow back toward the driver. The front wheel drive had been inoperative for some time which made it difficult to maneuver when removing material clogging ditches. The first two problems were easily remedied through the purchase of a couple of parts. The latter, thanks to the assistance of one of our members who knew a heavy equipment mechanic, at no charge to the Association.

One of the items that has to be done each fall is the stockpiling of sand in preparation for winter. Along with the cost of 30 truckloads of sand is the additional cost of renting an excavator to stack it up within our concrete block enclosure. Stacking is necessary to get all the material within the confined space and to give sufficient depth to prevent as much as possible from freezing into a solid block. The cost of bringing in an excavator for this, including trucking both ways, was \$1000.00. After some discussion with our roads contractor we determined that for \$1650.00 we could rent an excavator for a week. It could be used for stockpiling the sand as well as doing much needed ditch work to prevent all the road erosion and washouts we have encountered in the past from heavy rains. There was some money left over from last year's special ditching article. We went ahead with the rental and using re-graveling and special project money had our roads contractor and helper spend a week doing just that. The result has been spectacular, since the roadside work had been done, I am happy to report that there have not been one significant washout due to the many heavy rains we have had since. In addition, much of the road material that had been scraped off into the ditches was returned to the roads, thus reducing the need for as much additional road material. The issue brought up at the annual meeting regarding the corner of Presidential and Ashuelot was also remedied and has not been a problem since.

The ditch work, however, generated a considerable amount of material that could not be returned to the roads as it contained mud, sod, large rocks, trash and roots. This had to be disposed of somehow. I was able to dispose of this by giving it to anyone near the ditching area who would take it to fill a hole of their property. I believe this was the best solution for getting rid of this junk material rather than having to pay to have it trucked away at some future date, or stockpiling it somewhere. As we expand our ditching efforts in the spring this will again become an issue. To make it as equitable as possible, and not show any favoritism, I am asking any of you who would like some of this material dumped on your property to let me know. I will compile a list and material will be placed on the closest lot to where the work is being done. Keep in mind that you will be responsible for spreading the material. We will just dump it as close to where you indicate, providing it is easily accessible. Some of it may contain large rocks and tree roots.

While doing the ditching work, the one ton truck developed problems with acceleration and the front wheel drive mechanism. Previously we had an agreement with the dealership we pur-

chased it from in 2008 that they would come and put their dealer plates on it and take it to their facility repair it and return it to us for \$100 in transportation costs. They refused to pick it up this year, as they said it is illegal to use dealer plates this way now. As it turns out, it was illegal to operate it on the public roads with the fuel we used in it because it was tax free fuel which under state law cannot be used on the highways. I asked to get the truck registered so we could legally take it to the local repair service. We finally had a trucking service load it on a flatbed tow truck and take it to Hillsboro for repairs. Over \$3000 later we have our truck back, in good working condition ready for plowing in the winter. It was determined that there were two problems. The first was the considerable damage to the front end drive mechanism apparently caused by the use of our front end rake. The dust generated by it, in addition to clogging the intake air filter, was causing damage to the wheel seals through abrasion of stones being thrown back from the rake tines. Secondly, it was determined that operating only with the LAE area at 20 MPH is not good for the engine. It needs to be operated at highway speeds occasionally. For this reason, the board consented to allow the truck to be registered. It can now be driven legally outside the area to go for parts, service or fuel which we must purchase in Hillsboro. Our tank here at the garage is filled with off road fuel for the grader, backhoe and large plow truck. I purchased two 5 gallon cans to have some reserve fuel for winter in addition to the 50 gallons in the truck.

Finally, we had a great cleanup day in September organized by Dave Dickman. He recruited 44 volunteers to clean up brush, downed branches and trees at the beach area. At least 7 large trailer loads of brush were taken to the transfer station that day. They also were able to cut the center portion of the ball field which has not been done in many years, and cut back the high grass around the field and by the road. Additional work was also done at the marina, cutting around the canoe/kayak racks and back toward the water discovering 5 or 6 mooring post on the inside of the cove that have been buried for several years. It was a great day and we thank the 44 volunteers for their effort.

Looking forward, we will be bringing costs to the annual meeting to replace the front end rake on the truck with a tow behind model. We are also working on a plan to expand the use of calcium on the roads for dust and erosion control, and doing a three year roadside tree cutting in conjunction with the NH Electric co-op who will be doing an extensive tree trimming around their wires this spring. Finally, in order to cut down on the length of our annual meeting I am asking all the committee chairpersons to submit their reports in writing to be mailed out with the notice of the annual meeting. This way, you will have time to read and think about the reports and ask pertinent questions of them at the meeting.

On Thanksgiving weekend, two of the directors, one director spouse and myself got together and placed temporary covers over the gate posts to keep rain from getting in-between the brick veneer and the main structure of the columns to prevent further deterioration until the board can decide what to do with them. They are in bad shape and pieces have been falling off for some time and many of the surfaces are covered with cracks.

I hope you all have a great winter and we look forward to seeing you at our next Annual Meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions or problems regarding LAE please feel free to call or send me an email. I will respond back as soon as possible. [bobthebuilder@gsinet.net](mailto:bobthebuilder@gsinet.net). All our contact information is available on the LAE Website. If you would like further information

on what the board does during the year, you can request copies of all board meeting minutes by contacting Pat Liota in writing. [patmar@gsinet.net](mailto:patmar@gsinet.net)

Bob Wright

Security:

Neighborhood watch is in place and has had one meeting before the snowbirds left for the winter. I am happy to report that we have not had any incidents since July and have been working closely with our new police chief, Ryan Murdough. Remember it is everyone's job to watch out for each other. If you see a suspicious vehicle take a picture of the license number. This can be sent to me, and if a problem arises I can turn the list over to Chief Murdough for investigation. If you see something that looks suspicious, call 911 immediately and report it. Do not call another LAE member as this causes considerable delays. Also, if you see a tree down in the road call me (603) 520-5539 I have my cell with me all the time and can get the road contractor to take care of it.

Bob Wright