



LAKE EDEN ASSOCIATION

2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: July 12, 2025 @ 9:30am

Meeting Location: MT Norris Scout Camp, Eden Mills, VT 05653

Meeting Attendees:

Board of Directors: Artie Curcillo, Henry Scipione, Anna Pirie and Colleen Brennan and Alicia Zeoli

Membership: Jeanne Pallotta, Jackie Larsen, Charlie & Ginny Distefano, Dennis & Joan Liddy, Perry Thomas, Elizabeth Edgerton, Robert Schmidt, Lisa Vaillancourt, Terri Williams, Steve & Anne Ford, Jaime & Christine Mawn, Tom & Aimee Haag, Nancy Chase, Steve Gale, Stephen & Angela Luce, Steve & Shiela Walsh, Stephanie & Fred Ward, Teela Leach, Bridget Courtemanche, Lorae McCall, Patrick & Laurel Persico, Davis & Kristin Wildman, Justin O'Brien, John Cannon, Penni & Jeff Rochette, Chris Bishop, Vin Brennan, Jan Scipione.

Non-members/Guests: Peter Danforth (Director of Lamoille County Conservation District), Pam Uhlendorff (Town Recreation Area Manager)

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am on July 12, 2025 by Artie Curcillo. A quorum was verified by Anna Pirie, Treasurer.

I. Minutes from 2024 Annual Meeting

Members were provided with the 2024 minutes prior to and at the meeting for review. Kristin Wildman requested edit be made to change her surname from Davis to Wildman. The minutes were unanimously accepted by the membership with that one edit.

II. Board Update

A. Treasurers Report: Anna Pirie reviewed the 2025 Treasurers report which included a balance sheet and a Profit and Loss statement. Chris Bishop asked for the interest rates for the 2 CD's. Anna Pirie reported they were at 3.6% and 3.95%. Colleen Brennan added that the rates are shopped before CD's are renewed. Kristin Wildman and Laurel Persico had questions regarding where the grant funds are shown in the financials. Colleen Brennan explained that grant expenses and funds have not yet flowed through the Association. Last year's mitigation and Greeter program grants were administered by the Town of Eden. In other words, expenses were paid for by the Town of Eden and reimbursed later by the grant fund payouts. This year there are 2 grants that are administered through the Lake Eden Association (Herbicide treatment workplan and the Shoreline Restoration workplan). The LEA will be paying up front for costs related to the herbicide treatment and Shoreline Restoration workplans. Those expenses will be paid for out of the Invasive species savings account and reimbursed, at the end of the grant period, by the Lake Champlain Basin program. These expenses and reimbursements will be reflected in our financial statements. Ann Pirie recognized

Colleen Brennan for receiving the Bullard Award from the Town of Eden for her service to the community regarding the EWM mitigation program. Colleen thanked the membership for their roles in this achievement.

III. Committee Reports:

- A. **EWM Plan/Status:** Vin Brennan presented an update on the EWM spread and mitigation plan for 2025. That plan includes DASH, Hand harvesting, and Herbicide treatment in the 3 hot spots: boat launch, town beach and scout camp area. Benthic blankets in the NW end of the lake have been removed in preparation for Herbicide treatment which is scheduled for August 26. Vin emphasized that the overall goal is to reduce use of herbicide over time. DASH has been out twice already to harvest areas not being treated with herbicides. Hand Harvesters will focus on areas not being treated by herbicide and supplement areas treated by DASH. 2 new “hotspots” have been noted this season in the far SE cove and SE end of lake before the cove (out in front of Distefano’s camp). Last year there were a few scattered plants in these areas. There are now large crops covering a wider area and with significantly higher density. These will likely be areas we consider treating with herbicides next year. Colleen Brennan reported that a grant of \$93,400 was obtained to cover cost of herbicide treatments over 2 years (if needed) and another grant of \$25 was obtained to cover the expenses of pre and post treatment surveys, DASH, benthic blanket removal, and hand harvest equipment for this year. Vin thanked the Greeter program and VIPs for their work and critical roles in the mitigation program. These programs are managed by volunteers Monica Wood and Jan Scipone respectively. There were a few questions related to the planned dredging of the boat launch. Chris Bishop confirmed that it would occur the week of July 14 and should conclude by the early part of the following week. Vin responded, relative to spread concerns, that it was preferable that the dredging be done prior to vs after herbicide treatment. Vin responded that there would be a 24-hr. water use restriction and that notices will be sent to all lake property owners and those that abut the Gihon River as far as a mile downstream. Colleen clarified that the EWM plants will die off roughly 2weeks after treatment and decompose in the lake. Colleen reported that Alecia Zeoli arranged for the Greeters to relocate to the town Beach during the dredging. Inspections and education can be done with those that launch kayaks from the town beach and with the new Town beach Management. Pam Uhlendorff answered questions re the inspection of boats at the town beach and clarified that motorboats are not launched from that location.
- B. **Shoreline Restoration Grant Project:** Perry Thomas presented on the Shoreline Restoration project done on the Liddy’s property in combination with a community workshop completed last season and reported there would be another project this season on another property to be determined. Perry also described the community outreach programs done at the Elementary school in 2024 & 2025 on Lake stewardship which included a presentation via puppet show and poster contest. The LEA awarded prizes (\$25 gift certificates to Bijou Theater) to winners from each participating grade. Winning posters were displayed at the meeting. Perry also described family Lake Celebration planned for 7/13 which will include educational activities for children, food & ice cream trucks, and a live band. Perry pointed out that the lake has become nutrient rich over the years, as witnessed by the algae we now see on the lake rocks. This is due to increased erosion and nutrient run off in our watershed which we need to turn around through programs such as Lakewise and Watershed Management projects. Joan Liddy commented on the positive experience she had with the restoration project and encouraged members to participate.

C. **Lake Wise:** Colleen Brennan gave an overview of the Lakewise program and the importance of every lake property owner striving towards a more “lake healthy” property by making even just small changes. Signing up for a free, no obligation Lakewise visit was encouraged. There were a few questions regarding Shoreland protection/Lakewise that Perry Thomas and/or Colleen answered. Colleen recognized John Cannon for volunteering to assist with the Watershed Management Program.

D. **Q & A Period:** Steve Walsh announced that this would be his last year as Lay Monitor. He described the role and offered to train a new volunteer. John Cannon volunteered to step into the role. There was an inquiry about joining the VIP team and that person was referred to Jan Scipione (VIP Chairperson) who was present to assist. Lisa Vaillancort answered questions regarding the loon nests.

IV. ELECTIONS:

Colleen Brennan reported 3 of the 5 BOD seats were up for re-election. Those seats are currently held by Artie Curcillo, Henry Scipione and Alecia Zeoli. Henry Scipione will be resigning and was thanked for serving 2 terms. Artie Curcillo is resigning after roughly 19 years of outstanding service and leadership. Colleen recognized his contributions which included starting the Greeter program, along with Gary & Marylou Durett, managing the program since its inception in 2006 and starting and running the VIP program up until 2 years ago. Colleen presented 3 candidates: Alecia Zeoli, Steve Luce and Steve Walsh. There were no additional nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Henry Scipione to accept the above 3 candidates to the BOD. The motion was seconded by Anne Ford. The membership voted, by a show of hands, unanimously in favor of the motion.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Topics from membership:** There was no new business raised.
- B. **Announcements:** Artie announced that next year’s annual meeting will be July 11 at the Scout camp at 9:30 am. Artie reminded the membership of the 7/13 Family celebration.
- C. **Door Prize:** Alecia Zeoli drew the winning ticket which went to Anne Ford for a \$25 gift card to the Snake & Apple restaurant.

The meeting was adjourned by Artie Curcillo at 10:40 am.

Minutes Recorded by: Colleen Brennan
Colleen Brennan, LEA Secretary

7/12/2025
Date