

Friends of Lapham Peak

Annual Board Meeting

Nov 9, 2022



**Attendees: Members of the Board of Directors, Friends of Lapham Peak
Members of the Friends of Lapham Peak**

Thirty-one total in attendance (see attendance registration sign in sheet, attached¹)

Meeting was held in person at the Hausmann Nature Center

Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Louise B.

Approval of the Minutes of the September 2022 meeting was deferred until the December 2022 or January 2023 meeting

Treasurer's report for the past fiscal year was included in the Annual Reports. A detailed monthly version of the October (2022-2023) report will be emailed to Board Members and discussed at the December 2022 or January 2023 meeting

Agenda:

- Annual Reports
- Election of Directors
- Lapham Lodge Update

Annual Reports:

Copies of the Annual Reports were provided to attendees at the meeting (and posted online ahead of the meeting: laphampeakfriends.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2021-22-FLP-Annual-Report.pdf)

Louise asked Colton and Anne K for comments (a written park managers report was not provided at this time). Colton and Anne K reflected on the past year, with Colton acknowledging how fast these past few years have flown by, and on how appreciative he's been for the partnership with the Friends and the many accomplishments. Anne K recalled the past ski season with 95 skiable days (surpassing our annual goal) and the many skiing related projects that have been accomplished this year, the huge success with the EDA grant for the Lodge, Fright Hike's successful return this year (a sell out both nights), and more. She is grateful for all of the volunteers, and called out her appreciation of the Buckthorn Busters and how the Park has been transformed, how wonderful Nemahbin Springs is looking now, and that it's enjoyable to see the landscape that's been restored.

Election of Directors for the Board of the FLP:

Louise summarized the need to elect 4 Directors, given openings due to terms being vacated or expired. She thanked each of the Board Members for their years of support and involvement on the Board and at the Park. Board Members with terms expiring or being vacated at this time are:

- Louise Borzynski
- Jon Jeffords
- Kris Maki*
- Rick Von Haden

Kris has agreed to run again for 3 more years, and will be included on the slate of candidates to be voted on. In addition to Kris, four other candidates were identified and agreed to be candidates for the open positions.

Tonight, Louise asked the members in attendance if there were any other nominations from the floor, there were none, so the list of candidates for the four positions are as follows, and a vote will take place by the members present tonight to elect the Directors for these four positions. The slate to be voted on is:

- Mark Fischer
- Eva Guzik
- Mark Herr
- John Kolbe
- Kris Maki (incumbent)

Before voting, Louise asked each candidate to speak about themselves for a few minutes to give us all some background; each candidate did; the vote took place by paper ballot (blank copy attached²). The Secretary (John H) and two members of the FLP then counted the ballots and upon completion, the Secretary announced that the votes were all very close, and that the following people had been elected to the Board of Directors:

- Mark Fischer
- Mark Herr
- John Kolbe
- Kris Maki

Louise thanked Eva for running, and Eva said she was so appreciative to be part of our Group and will continue to be engaged with the Butterfly Garden and our Group.

Lapham Lodge Update:

John McCarthy and Mark Herr provided history on how we got to where we are today with the Lodge, and thanked the Kebers for their generous donation that has helped get us (FLP) and the Park and the State DNR all working together on this important project. They shared the process around the EDA grant, and how that works for us, and how with that funding and other money raised or committed to-date, we now have a bit over \$2 million of the \$2.4 million that we need for this project (so we are now aggressively working to raise the remaining \$400,000). Renderings and location maps were provided, many of which are now on our website. In addition, a current fund-raising effort utilizing donor paver bricks for the East Patio is also on our website and will also be mailed to the membership. For more information: laphampeakfriends.org/lodge

Tribute:

Not on the agenda, but very important to the FLP, John McCarthy took time to provide a tribute to Louise to recognize her for many years of involvement, leadership, and her work as president of the Board. For so many projects completed, too many to even try and list here. Kris added her cooking and organization skills, the heart & soul of the Friends for so many years. Rita added to the recognition by mentioning her mentoring skills as did others with examples, and after a standing ovation, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next meeting: The next Board Meeting will be December, with the date and time communicated to the Board Members. In January 2023, Officer roles for the 2022-2023 year will be elected within the Board by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted, J. Hillmer

Attachments:



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