

**Echo Hill North – Annual Meeting
February 1, 2016**

1. Elizabeth brings meeting to order.
2. Introductions of all at the meeting.
3. Minutes for 2015 annual meeting approved.
4. Elizabeth did year in review
 - a. Got through the covenant process and explained the importance of the covenant to the association. Review what Board spent money on.
 - b. We have new website at echohillnorth.com by Pippa
 - c. Revised neighborhood directory done by Krisztina
 - d. Spring clean up was great this year led by Jim Soper. Launch of the dock celebration.
 - e. Fall picnic. Good turnout, good food, music.
 - f. Started another mail list, google group, to communicate to others about activities like going to the pond. Did Friday nights pizza, fire and marshmallows. Caroling done.
 - g. Pedestrian safety work done. Has lost bit of steam.
 - h. Neighborhood yard sale in Sept. – 16 total families. Likely will do it again this year. Organized by Beganny family.
5. Financial Report – Paul
 - a. 17,017.53 current balance in bank account.
 - b. Taxes lower and rebate as result of Jim Soper’s work on the Board.
 - c. Expenditures 15,340; revenue 15218.85
 - d. Concern hill down to pond – cut very short and kills plants, possible erosion as a result. Good feedback to share with folks doing that work. Paul says done by a brush hog. Done historically as a way to prevent encroachment of the forest. People talked about that area being done less harshly.
 - e. Larry moved accepted and all voted yes.
6. Tree and architectural report (Paul)
 - a. Paul fielded 6 calls re: these matters.
 - b. People encouraged to inform neighbors. Almost always approved.
 - c. Discussion re: lights. Who owns lights? Will town pick cost up? Adv and disadv of LED lights? Current LED lights shine in people’s houses. Christine Brestrup works for town and may be a good resource of information and advocacy.
7. Water testing
 - a. Water quality is great re: e coli bacteria. Phosphate ratings very low. Was concern re: algae in pond. We did a lot of manual clean up on weeds in and around the pond. Dick dumped all his remaining chemicals into the pond this fall. How did this happen? Problems this year were long weeds – long and plentiful, most extreme 25 years – came out with relative ease. By mid-summer, they were not a problem. Algae was better this summer and water relatively clear. Nothing more will happen in terms of what’s put in pond, will need Board approval. We will pay this year to have people pull the weeds this year – people spent huge amount of hours to pull weeds. Question came up last year about whether that was ok to hire outside people to do this (Patti remembers this. Look back in notes).
8. Introduced new members of the Board. Michael Beganny and Alice Briggs. Approved
9. Motion to approve current board. Approved.
10. Woman wants to be part of cmte to discuss brush hogging of that area.
11. Faythe raised issue of ravine in lower area is dangerous.