



June sees lots of activity

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We had a great time at our annual meeting on June 13. We had an enthusiastic audience who listened to Bruce McKay of Dominion Power describe the benefits and the details of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) that is planned to be on line in 2018.

There is a very interesting booklet you can read to find out more about the ACP called "Powering the Future – Driving Change Through Clean Energy. American needs are changing. New infrastructure is needed to safely transport natural gas to meet customer demand for a reliable, clean energy source."

For more information go to ACpipeline@dom.com or Landowner toll-free number: 888-895-8716, or General inquiry 888-215-1819.

Lots of questions were asked during the Q&A.

Prior to the start of our annual meeting we had a lot of interest at our display tables that were advertising our upcoming projects: E.coli testing, re-vegetation, water clarity testing, and the annual Fall aquatic vegetation survey. Lots of questions were asked and signups taken. It's never too late to volunteer, we'll fit you in.

Results of our 2015 Survey have been posted on our website. Thank you to all of you who took the survey. Go to our website at www.lakegastonassoc.com and under 'Latest News' the first item is the survey results.

Our annual meeting concluded with a very tasty lunch outside under the pavilion and all the tables were occupied.

The county budget process is about closed for FY 2015-2016. By the time my column reaches you Halifax, Northampton, Brunswick, and Mecklenburg counties will have had their budget public hearings and adoptions.

We've tried to keep our members in the loop so they know when budget work sessions were coming up, the public hearings and adoption dates. Our directors have endeavored to cover them all and report back to our members. We're down to waiting to hear what the tax rate will be for each of the counties.

Our new education committee is off and running, big time! Their first initiative is to adopt a school which is going to be William R. Davie. They are working on a series of 'educational adventures' for students into several Lake Gaston communities during their summer vacation. I understand the first one is going to be July 2.

Last but not least, our Government Relations committee has been planning a series of recognition events for first responders in the five counties. The first event will be held in August for the Sheriff Offices in Halifax, Northampton & Warren counties.

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