

The Lovell Invasive Plant Prevention Committee By-Laws

Article 1

Our committee shall be known as the Lovell Invasive Plant Prevention Committee

Article 2

SECTION 1. The Lovell Invasive Plant Prevention Committee shall consist of up to twenty members including the officers.

SECTION 2. In the event of the resignation of any Committee Member, his or her death, inability to serve, or absence without acceptable reasons from three regular consecutive meetings the Committee may replace the member or fill the vacancy.

SECTION 3. New members will be selected by the Committee, submitted to the Board of Selectmen for approval and shall be installed after a majority vote of the Committee.

Article 3

All members of this Committee shall be voting members.

Article 4

The annual meeting shall be held on the fourth Thursday in July.

Article 5

All meetings of the Committee shall be held on the fourth Thursday of every month. When the regular meeting falls on a legal holiday, the eve of a legal holiday, or another conflicting event; the meeting may be changed at a previous meeting. If not so voted by the members, the Chairperson may change the meeting.

Article 6

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Committee shall be to prevent invasive aquatic plants from being introduced into the water bodies of the Town of Lovell and Kezar Lake watershed, to locate and mark any plants that have been discovered within the watershed, and to take aggressive measures to eradicate any invasive aquatic plants by working closely with the State of Maine rapid response team.

SECTION 2. In the case of emergencies the L.I.P.P.C with the approval of the Selectmen shall have the authority to allocate monies from the contingency fund established for the L.I.P.P.C at the annual Town Meeting in March.

Article 7

SECTION 1. The regular meeting shall be held at a location decided at the preceding meeting. If not so decided by the members, the Chairperson shall choose the location.

SECTION 2. Meetings shall convene at 7:00 pm unless otherwise called.

Article 8

Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Chairperson or at the request of at least five members. All members shall be given notice of special meetings.

Article 9

The Chairperson shall have the authority to appoint such committees, as he/she deems necessary. The Chair of any sub-committee appointed by the Chairperson shall have the authority to call meetings as needed.

Article 10

SECTION 1. The officers shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, (hereafter referred to as chair and co-chair) Secretary, and Financial Reporter. The Vice Chairperson shall serve as Chair in his absence.

SECTION 2. These officers shall constitute an Executive Board who shall act in emergencies. This board shall meet at a time and place deemed necessary by any officer.

SECTION 3. In the event of an absence of any officer at a meeting, a substitute may be appointed by the Committee for that meeting.

Article 11

The term of office will be one year. Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting. Newly elected officers shall assume responsibilities at the close of the annual meeting.

Article 12

The by-laws may be amended at a regular meeting by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present providing the proposed change has been read at the preceding meeting.

Article 13

A quorum shall consist of five voting members at any regular or special meeting. Members may vote by e-mail if the subject has been discussed at a previous meeting.

Article 14

The Chairperson shall have the power to postpone or cancel a meeting and will make all effort to contact the active members of this committee.

Article 15

A special budget meeting shall be held in November of each year to prepare the budget for the coming fiscal year.

Article 16

The by-laws shall be reviewed by the members at the July meeting of each year.