

LIPPC Minutes of 27 January 2011

Tom Hughes opened the meeting at the Charlotte Hobbs Library at 7:00 PM.

Attending were: Lucy LaCasse, Tom Hughes, Gene Spender, Ed Poliquin, Ray Senecal (phone), Susan Hamlin, Ann Williams, Bob Drew, Ralph Tedesco, Ed Nista, Diane Caracciolo, Anna Romer and Lou Olmsted.

Minutes of Last Meeting - Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Gene completed his review of the mailing list. David Littell, Mary & Herb Adams were deleted from the mailing list at their request.

Treasurer's Report – Ed Nista reported the Selectmen have recommended full funding of our budget request. Ed Nista met with the Budget Committee to explain our request. Ed said they had no questions and seemed favorable to the request. We will have a final decision from the Budget Committee at their next meeting.

Old Business –

Priorities – A discussion was held regarding setting priorities for things to be accomplished in the near future, discounting filling the all important CBI coordinator position. Three tasks were identified:

1. Learning how the State Rapid Response Program works and how LIPPC will interface with it. We have a tentative date of 24 February for a short presentation and question and answer session with John McPhedran to learn about the program.
2. Exploring possible involvement of Stoneham and Stow. Any involvement this year seems unlikely. Gene Spender will meet with a Stow selectman and Tom Hughes will meet with Stoneham to enhance the possible future participation of these towns.
3. Identification of all public and private boat launches in the watershed. Ed Poliquin volunteered to take on this task.

LIPPC report for inclusion in the Lovell Annual Report. Lou Olmsted e-mailed a draft report to all members. It was agreed comments would be forwarded to Lou and agreement on the final report reached at 10 February meeting.

CBI Coordinator – Gene Spender interviews are underway with three taking place 27 January. Gene is optimistic we will meet the 1 March target date. It was agreed that Gene's committee will make their candidate recommendation to the full committee for final approval.

Committee Reports

1. Communications & Liaison – Ann Williams reported information on the Milfoil Summit has been sent to all LIPPC committee members. The town website has been updated to include a button for LIPPC. The LIPPC page will be broken down by committee.
2. Education – Lucy LaCasse described their meeting with Vital Signs and the planned summer program. A training session for the LIPPC will be held in March or April. An ambitious program of events throughout the summer will involve adults and children. An important goal will be involvement of lakeside property owners in surveying their lakefront for questionable plant species.
3. Volunteer Coordinator – Ed Poliquin reported letters have been prepared for mailing and e-mail to road associations to find volunteers for CBI for the summer boating season. This will take place shortly and include an additional piece from the Education Committee.
4. Stewardship Program – Tom Hughes reported they are working on updating documentation and on finding additional stewards. Future participation of Stewards will be decided later.
5. Grants and Fundraising – Ray Senecal and committee are investigating grant possibilities. No fund raising planned at present.

New Business

Letterhead design was approved. Thanks to Ed Nista and Ann Williams.

Bob Drew submitted a draft of LIPPC by-laws by e-mail. He asked that comments and suggestions be sent directly to him. This will be discussed and adopted at our next meeting.

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. Next meeting scheduled for 10 February 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Lou Olmsted, Secretary