

## LIPPC Minutes of 27 October 2011

Gene Spender opened the meeting at the Charlotte Hobbs Library at 7:00 PM.

Attending were: Tim Cyr, Gene Spender, Diane Caracciolo, Ann Williams, Ed Nista, Marty Prox, Sue Hamlin, Anna Römer, Ralph Tedesco, Bob Drew, Dave Mills, Wes Huntress (via SKYPE), and Lou Olmsted.

Tim Cyr was introduced by Ralph Tedesco as the newest member of the committee. Welcome to the LIPPC Tim.

Minutes of Last Meeting - Minutes of the 25 August meeting were approved as amended. Minutes of the 22 September meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Ed Nista reported balance on hand of \$18,570. (Expense pending for the Watershed Survey \$8000) Uncommitted Balance \$10,570. Ed emphasized the importance of the money raised this year through grants and contributions, \$12,570.00.

Next immediate task is preparation of our 2012 budget and our preparation for presentation at the next Town Meeting.

### Old Business –

Lake Survey. – This is complete and a detailed report will be made at the 17 November meeting. Gene reported that a non-native wetlands plant was found during the inspection of the stream from Cushman Pond to Heald Pond. He emphasized this was a wetlands plant and, per Lakes and Watershed Resource Management, not considered a threat to the lake and ponds. This will be discussed in the upcoming survey report.

Volunteer Time Sheets – Again, the importance of recording volunteer hours by committee members was stressed. We must update time sheets and send to Diane.

Invoice Processing – We still need to clean up the process by which invoices are approved by committee heads before payment.

Standing Committee Reports – Gene reminded committee chairs that if changes are made to purpose, goals, or performance measurements for their committees, Ann Williams should be notified to keep the town website current.

Boat Launch Access –Diane Caracciolo reported success in 2011 included the private boat launch survey, the meeting with Selectmen and the support receive from the Selectmen for the boat launch project, and meetings held with owners of private launch sites and their willingness to cooperate on signage and gating.

A goal for 2012 is to have signs in place at all launch sites before ice out.

It was reported by Bob drew that work is moving ahead on installation of gates at the narrows and north end.

CBI - Marty Prox reported that Courtesy Boat Inspections are over for the season. 1962 inspections were done in 2011. The majority of these were at the Narrow launch site, but 370 hours of inspection time was performed at the North End.

What worked in 2011: LIPPC support made CBI a success.

Meetings with road associations yielded volunteers and money.

Next year: Interview all employees. Need for greater commitment for weekends and holidays. Also need some inspectors other than high school or college students to cover after mid August when students have returned to school.

Prepare a list of infected lakes in Maine and New Hampshire to help inspectors.

Greater emphasis on educating boaters for self inspection.

Communications & Liaison – Ann Williams reported articles have been written to update other groups on the water body survey. Ann also noted we are still having difficulty with acknowledgement of donors on our website.

Cushman Pond IAP Eradication – No new information. Bob Drew did confirm what Gene reported last month, that a fragment of milfoil found was thought to be possibly from a dumped aquarium.

Education & Awareness – Sue Hamlin presented a written report. Accomplishments in 2011 included: Training of a dozen people on Vital Signs, a Gulf of Maine initiative to encourage reporting of invasive plants. A Library presentation on LIPPC activities and goals. A booth at Lovell Old Home days to

educate and recruit volunteers. Two Eyes on the Water outings at the North End and the Narrows. Created 10 bucket scopes for public use. Lucy developed the “Eyes on the Water” booklet. Purchased “Maine Field Guide to Invasive Aquatic Plants” for the Town Hall, the two libraries, and the GLLT.

Proposed activities for 2012: A new Lovell Old Home Days Booth

Encourage posting of plants/finds on the Vital Signs website.

One or two Eyes on the Water outings with an expert.

Promote the bucket scopes at the library.

Order more “Eyes on the Water booklets”

Promote an “Adopt a Cove” program, perhaps in coordination with the stewards.

Focus on identifying 10-15 native plants to help people know which plants belong here and which don't.

Have a plant identification session during the after school program.

Booth for Lovell Old Home Days and boat for CBI training.

Also included in their report was a proposed budget for 2012.

Grants and Fundraising – Gene noted that final reporting has been done on the Ram Island grant. Peter Lowell reported the final report looked good. Also a small fundraiser was underway to pay for the gate at the North End.

Local Rapid Response – Diane reported a draft plan had been submitted and sent to all LIPPC members. I was noted that activation of the plan in emergency would automatically make the \$20,000 emergency funds available.

Next year: When the final plan is approved, an email will be sent to all road associations this winter to confirm point persons from each association and pinpoint access points in all areas of the lake to be used in the event of discovery of invasive plants. It is important to have advanced permission to access through private property.

Stewardship Program – Wes Huntress reported. The aim in 2012 is to have a real stewardship program in place. The committee met in October and the first step is

to find stewards for each water body. A handout for prospective stewards is being prepared. Planned also is a Steward's Handbook.

Volunteer Coordinator – Diane reported.

Presentations to road associations were most effective in finding volunteers and contributions. 4-5 were done in 2011.

Adopt a Ramp program fairly successful.

Hope to better utilize the handout of information at the time of boat registrations.

Letters to road associations did not work.

Plans for 2012:

Make presentations at more of the road associations next year. 16-17 have been identified. Train two teams of presenters. Many associations have their meetings around the same time. This is a prime source of volunteers and contributions. Any funds raised from the presentations to be used for the LIPPC not just for CBI. Would like to find a way to reach them earlier.

Signage Committee - Gene, Marty, and Tom are reviewing all present signage and hope to find a uniform sign design for 2012. They are consulting with Roger Williams.

New Business: -

Self Inspection Kiosks - Dave Mills provided some background on self inspection kiosks. Dave agreed to study the idea further and present a recommendation on future use.

2012 Budget – Ed Nista requested committee chairmen to have their budget requests for next year to him in the next two weeks. Ed will summarize and present a proposed budget at the November meeting. LIPPC budget request for inclusion in the Town Meeting must get to the Selectmen by 15 December.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM, 17 September at the Charlotte Hobbs Library preceding the presentation by Scott Williams on the lake survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Olmsted  
Secretary