

LIPPC January 28, 2016 Minutes

Attendees and volunteer hours: Anna-3, Gene-20, Diane-, Tim-2, Marty-, Jay-4, Wes-1

Minutes: November minutes were approved. Tim will send to Jay for submission to web site.

Chair's report: Diane, will circulate names of prospects for LIPPC. Eddie will follow up with volunteers. Diane asked to have all suggestions for new members for next meeting. Google Drive: Diane will create file on Google drive so that documents will be available for cloud computing and sharing. The intent is to post minutes and relevant documentation both past and present. LIPPC125 will be name of file folder. Gene will follow up to assure that there are paper files that are up to date at town hall.

Treasurer: Ended year with \$19,684.86. Gene reporting. No issues with budget committee.

Communications: Jay states that we have a chance to do another article for Land, Lakes magazine. He suggested perhaps an article on the boat show for Lovell Home Days. Steve was not in attendance but Jay is confident that he will be interested in writing an article. This needs to be done by early April for submission. Jay also suggested that we approach MPBN to see if we can generate any interest in them doing some story segment on the town's conservation groups as a whole or just LIPPC. He will let us know at the next meeting if he found any interest.

CBI: Milfoil summit Feb 26th-Marty will attend. Tim recommended Marty meet Brenda Rich while he is there. Brenda is a candidate to join LIPPC. Marty states that he is likely to keep same employees from last year. (He may have all.) There is some question whether he will still be required to post a Help Wanted ad. Gene will ask selectmen. Marty asked about increasing wages to \$10 per hour. A vote was taken and agreed that Marty can pay up to \$10 at his discretion. CBI will need new door or screen on CBI hut at the Narrows. Bass tourney drawings will be this month.

Fund raising: Since 2013, we have raised about \$39, 585 for the Annual Appeal and CBI Appeal. After expenses and taking out the \$5,000 one-time Quissisana donation, the net is approximately \$26,210. He reports that the donations have been fairly consistent since we started in 2013.

2 boats have been donated. Jay will advertise and sell the sailing dinghy for LIPPC with proceeds going to committee. The 10 ft. fiberglass glass bottom boat is deemed to be unsaleable. The recommendation is to scrap it or give away if we can find someone.

Cushman: Jim Buck has identified the desired dates for the dives, but does not have the details of the plan, i.e. who will be diving. As with last year, Gene is not sure the Hooka divers will be diving in the early part of the season. Gene has asked for a plan to send when he applies for the DEP Grant application. The Grant Application forms were received five days ago. According to Gene, the grant

application process has become more complex as DEP has now informed us that the divers have to be OSHA compliant. He is in the process of researching this to see what it means to the team up at Cushman. Gene has had one conversation with Federal OSHA and another conversation with State OSHA (BLS) and is waiting to hear back from Maine OSHA as this individual was going to do some research and provide some guidance.

Gene also described a success story in Maine where rather than remove and mat the plants, this team moved to a strategy of just matting the plants avoiding the risk of fragments escaping while the attempted removal of the plant is undertaken. He has discussed this idea with several experts and will follow up with the one team that was successful with this approach.

Education: No report.

Stewards. Wes expects late April to have teleconference with committee in preparation for new season.

Next meeting Feb 25th.

Adjourn. 6:33