

## **LIPPC Minutes of 25 February 2016 Meeting**

Diane Caracciolo opened the meeting at Charlotte Hobbs Library at 5:30 PM.

Attending were: Tom Hughes, Marty Prox, Diane Caracciolo, Wes Huntress (Skype), Gene Spender, Jay Hunter, Steve Lewis, Tim Cyr, and Lou Olmsted.

**Volunteer Hours:** Diane 6, Sue 1, Tim 3, Gene 40, Jay 4, Wes 2, Steve 8

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Diane reported that no issues were anticipated for the upcoming Town Meeting.

**New Business:** Diane reported that Ed will update on prospective new LIPPC members next meeting. A number of prospects were suggested by members attending and these names will be forwarded to Ed. Consensus was that the person who knows the prospect best should make the initial contact.

**Signage:** Several signs presently in place need to be corrected. Diane raised the need for some sort of sign to discourage launching of boats at Pleasant point beach and at the beach in the Narrows. The sign should also indicate where boats, including canoes and kayaks, should be launched. After discussion it was decided to meet at Pleasant Point 9am Saturday to choose the appropriate location for the sign.

**Google Drive:** Work on this project is progressing. Diane will Email directions for use of the file to access historical information and current minutes and documentation.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Courtesy Boat Inspection:** Marty Prox - Milfoil Summit Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Marty Prox and Gene Spender will attend.

Marty is advertising for recruits for the upcoming CBI season. Diane suggested extending inspection hours this summer to 8pm. It was agreed, to begin in June. Marty also recommended that All agreed special thanks are due Tom Hughes for his tireless and effective work in leading LIPPC over the past two years. pay be increased to \$9.50/hr. for all inspectors. This was agreed to.

Marty said there are seven Bass Fishing Tournaments scheduled for the 2016 season. (Two in June, two in August, and one on October 2.

**Marketing & Fundraising:** Jay Hunter – Jay is hoping to interest MPBN to do a story on LIPPC to raise public awareness of our invasive plant prevention programs.

**Communications & Liaison:** Steve Lewis – Steve said all acknowledgement letters have been sent to donors. He also discussed an article on antique boats for the Lovell Old Home Days boat show aimed at focusing public awareness on the LIPPC mission.

**Cushman Pond IAP Education: Gene Spender** - Gene informed the group that the OSHA/BLS requirements that will be placed on the Cushman divers that work for Lovell eradication efforts at Cushman has resulted in the Cushman representatives wanting a meeting with the selectmen. It is not clear if the efforts as done last year will be able to be continued in 2016. A decision needs to be made.

**Education & Awareness:** Sue Hamlin was not in attendance. Jay reported we have had volunteers who are willing to help with a previously discussed swim meet. This would be open water racing with specific site to be determined.

**Stewardship :** Wes Huntress - No report.

**New Members and Nominating:** Ed Poliquin

**Surveyors:** Tom Hughes reported there will be a meeting at the Auburn Library March 18 from 10am to 3pm to train leaders of Surveyor teams.

Tom announced this will be his final meeting as a member of the committee. Diane expressed and all agreed that special thanks are due Tom Hughes for his tireless and effective work for LIPPC over the past several years both as LIPPC chair and leader of the Surveyors group.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Charlotte Hobbs Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Olmsted, Secretary