

Minutes of LIPPC Meeting for October 22, 2015

Attendees: Jay Hunter (electronically)-4, Diane Caracciolo-5, Gene Spender-15, Marty Prox- 14, Dave Mills-10, Tom Hughes-2, Susan Hamlin-4, Anna Romer - 2, Tim Cyr - 2, Steve Lewis - 2, Wes Huntress (electronically) - 6 (Monthly volunteer hours reported by members follow names.) (not present Ed Poliquin - 5)

Secretary's report. September minutes were approved. August minutes awaiting revisions by Tim Cyr and will be approved electronically.

Treasurer's report. (Dave Mills) The year-to-date budget was reviewed. No new donations were received during the last month. Outstanding expenses include lake survey and Annual Appeal expenses. Final grant dollars for the CBI program of \$875 are also outstanding. We will end the year with surplus funds.

Standing Committee Reports:

CBI: (Marty Prox) CBI program is done for the year. Total watershed inspections were down 40 but inspection hours were up 213. Volunteer hours for the year were 83 down 66 from 2014. Three groups adopted a day at the ramp: GLLT, KLWA, and Stearns Rd. Total plants found 34, none invasive. Wash station usage declined but self inspection kiosk usage was up significantly. Preliminary budget ask: flat with 2015.

Marty has received a lot of positive feedback on the changes in the signage and appearance at the North ramp.

The final CBI grant report has been submitted and assumed to be accepted ..

Discussion followed on CBI hourly wages and the topic will be revisited in January.

Marketing & Fundraising: (Jay Hunter) The Annual Appeal will be going out at the end of November or first week of December. The 2016 budget will include the two fundraising efforts. The committee's goals are to increase donations by 10%, double the boats at the LOHD Boat show, refurbish a donated glass bottom boat and keep the website current. Preliminary budget ask: \$3,550

Communications (Steve Lewis) The committee will continue to promote awareness with articles in the local papers and publications. In addition, Steve Lewis will attend LEA meetings, continue to follow pending legislation . Preliminary budget ask: \$200

Cushman Pond. (Gene Spender) Since our last meeting, the only new activity to report on is that LWRMA completed their survey of Cushman. They completed yesterday, October 22nd. Roberta had a new diver helping with the deeper water survey work, as Jackie has left the business of invasive's. With Roberta's approval they are using a technique used by the military and some police departments that was designed for searching for victims. The survey resulted in finding one additional mature plant,

approximately three feet in height with five fronds. Roberta will get the report out and I will then authorize payment. Regarding the question about grants for next year and next year's expenses, Gene reported he has not finalized a plan yet. Jim Buck and he will have to discuss next year soon regarding budgeting.

Education (Sue Hamlin) Goals for next year include a 10% increase in volume at the LOHD booth, a VLMP on the water training, Science in the Sand, and a swim meet. Anna will give Jay the number for a local Open Water/Swim meet organizer. Preliminary budget ask: \$1,500-\$2,000

Stewardship (Wes Huntress) The entire shoreline of the Watershed was patrolled in 2015. All 56 stewards performed at least one patrol and the average was over 2 patrols per steward. No invasive plants were found other than the plants already known at Cushman Pond. The entire LIPPC committee is very appreciative of the hard work and dedication of all these volunteers. It was suggested that a letter be sent thanking the Stewards and signed by the Selectmen. Wes will draft the letter, Diane will wordsmith the letter and Gene will investigate Selectmen signing this letter. Preliminary budget ask: \$1,000

Volunteer Coordinator. No report.

LIPPC Surveyors (Tom Hughes) Two of the groups planned activities were not completed this summer and will be rolled into 2016. The committee would like to get more volunteers for this group. Preliminary budget ask: \$715

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Next meeting will be on November 19 at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Caracciolo