

Minutes of LIPPC Meeting for April 28, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Gene Spender, filling in for Chair Diane Caracciolo who was arriving a little later.

Three visitors were in attendance to learn more about LIPPC, ask questions and consider becoming members of the committee. Libby Bender, Steve Bender and Mike Maguire were introduced to the members prior to the start of the meeting.

Attendees: Jay Hunter-4 (Skype), Diane Caracciolo- Marty Prox- 15, Susan Hamlin-20, Ed Poliquin-4, Anna Romer-6, Gene Spender-4, Libby Bender -1 Steve Bender-1, Mike Maguire-1, Tim Cyr-8 (2 months), Wes Huntress-2 (Face Time)
(Monthly volunteer hours reported by members follow names.)
Vol. hours of members not present: Dave Mills- Steve Lewis-20 Lou Olmstead-

Secretary's report. Last month's minutes were approved. Tim Cyr requested that his report from Invasive Plant Patrol Leader's Roundtable to be attached to the March minutes. Minutes to be sent to Jay who will give to Stan for posting on Town web site.

Treasurer's report. Dave Mills was not present for a financial report. Gene made the comment that we are just getting start for the year, so little has been spent. Later in the meeting Diane added that we had received two more donations checks. Also, Diane stated that the LIPP budget submitted to the town was approved as submitted.

New Business:

New Business: This topic was moved to the later part of the meeting to allow Diane to present when she arrived.

Standing Committee Reports:

CBI: Marty Prox has hired staff for the summer. Courtesy Boat Inspections start the weekend of 5/7-5/8.

Marketing & Fundraising Committee: Jay has the letter requesting donations for CBI to be mailed the first week of May. The annual letter mailed in December raised \$5485, 10.8% over last year, exceeding the goal of 10%. He will reach out to Maine Public Broadcasting again have them do a story of LIPPC/invasive Plants/The Antique Boat Show. He will develop a flyer by 5/23 about the boat show to go in the next Library newsletter and be posted around town. He potentially has 25 boats for the show with a goal of 32 boats.

Communication and Liaison. Reported by Jay. Steve Lewis wrote an article for the next issue of "Lands Lakes and Us" on the history of boating on Kezar Lake and ties it into the importance of an invasive-free water body and boating today.

Cushman Pond. Gene stated that The Bureau of Labor Standards [BLS] considers the divers at Cushman Pond to be commercial divers, therefore all commercial dive regulations must be met. Since the current diving operations do not meet these BLS standards, the town cannot support and pay the divers going forward. LIPPC applied for a DEP eradication grant and will be hiring a company that does meet these requirements and has been doing Milfoil removal around the state. This company will come in toward the end of the season and do a thorough search of the water for invasives, remove any found and cover any spots with benthic barriers.

A grant of \$3,168 from DEP has been awarded to LIPPC to help with the projected expense of \$4,400 for a late summer dive by commercial divers.

Education. Anna, Jay and Sue meet to discuss the idea of an open water race on 7/17 to highlight importance of invasive free waters. Sue and Diane met with the Selectmen to further discuss idea of the race. Other plans for the summer include the Boat Show and Plant Derby at LOHD, Science in the sand at swimming lessons and sponsor VLMP training class on the water conducted by Roberta Hill on Wednesday 7/6 in conjunction with the Five Kezars Group.

Stewardship. Wes Plans a Kick off meeting for the Stewards on Sat, July 9 and a Social in mid August. He has a 2-sided KLWA card for the Stewards to distribute this summer via dock drop or walking around their neighborhood. The card is about run-off, water clarity.

LIPPC Surveyors. Tim Cyr will chair this group.

Volunteer Coordinator. Eddie introduced our new members. He announced the Saco River Council will host of program on Saturday 5/14 9-2pm at Swan's Falls in Fryeburg.

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Pleasant Point Signage to be consolidated and clarified that it is not a boat launch area.

Discussion was held about whether LIPPC will continue to pay \$50-\$75 to keep the domain name, "Eyes on the Water.org". No one was in favor of keeping it, so by default, LIPPC will stop paying for this domain name.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the three visitors requested to become members of the LIPPC committee and were voted in unanimously and welcomed to the committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Next meeting will be May 26 at 5:30 PM.

Submitted, Susan Hamlin