

MINUTES of LIPPC meeting for July 23, 2015, held at the Charlotte Hobbs Library.

Present: Diane Caracciolo-25, Marty Prox-6, Gene Spender-40, Tom Hughes-4, Dave Mills-15, Sue Hamlin-40, Eddie Poliquin-3, Jay Hunter (by phone)-30, Wes Huntress-36, Anna Römer-6
(Volunteer hours for the month in parenthesis)

Diane Caracciolo called meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Secretary's Report – Minutes of June 23rd were approved.

Treasurers Report - Remaining funds available for CBI: \$31,246.50. Signage money will be used for redoing some misspelled signs and Pleasant Point sign. Anna and Jay will be reimbursed for paying drone photographer and printing of pictures from Education subaccount. Treasurer's report is accepted.

New Business

Lovell Old Home Days Wrap Up – Sue

53 people completed plant derby. We have 36 photos left. We gave away about half our supply of yellow floating key chains and ~ 4 sets of Plant ID cards. We were given \$40 in donations. We had 2 people express interest in joining the Steward Program. The winners: Boat Rental - Eden Swasey, Lovell Life Jacket - Joe Moody, Lovell 10 Boat Bucks - Randomly distributed. All our prizes were donated by Kezar Lake Marina. We had 17 antique boats with plans to have 30 next year. Thank you note need to be sent to Lee and Ben from the Kezar Lake Marina. Jay wants it noted that LL Bean never responded to our request to have the 'Boot Mobile' visit.

Organizational thoughts/reminders – Diane

Secretary's report should be distributed within one week after the meeting and after approval needs to be sent to Jay to be uploaded to Town website.

All committee chairs will create a timeline of their subcommittee's responsibilities so it is easier for new members to step into any of these subcommittee roles.

Dave Mills volunteers to organize files at the Town Office. The goal is to have all grant requests/reports, surveys, financial and secretary reports electronically stored. (Google media, Dropbox, or iCloud)

Nominations for 2015/2016 - Anna

After soliciting the Officers and the rest of the LIPP Committee for names the following people have agreed to serve as officers:

Diana Caracciolo – President, Gene Spender – Vice-President, Dave Mills – Treasurer. Nobody stepped forward to take on the secretary position. Slate was approved unanimously and secretary duties will be taken on by all committee members until permanent secretary is found.

Standing Committee Reports –

Courtesy Boat Inspection – Marty Prox

879 inspections done so far at Narrows, 180 at North End, 42 Inspections at other ponds.

Self-Inspection kiosk: 15 total.

29 hours of inspection done by volunteers.

15 plants found, all non-invasive.

Boat wash: 13 going in, 11 coming out.

We have full coverage till Labor Day but then will lose a lot of the inspectors to college and high school.

Marketing & Fundraising - Jay Hunter

No report

Communications and Liaison - Steve Lewis

No report.

Cushman Pond IAP Eradication – Gene Spender

Gene Spender reports two more dives have been completed. July 4th dive had 40 participants and they found 4 plants. The July 18th dive resulted in 6 plants found. Final report is not available yet, but I would guess 20 participants. Finding plants in prior locations and this can be expected with VLM. No large population has yet to be found. They just have to kill off the ones that have been hiding. DEP was on site doing a phab study, which is a physical habitat inventory and Gene accompanied these people. They found no invasives in their test locations, ten locations are identified. Gene also learned that they can provide invasive dive survey for us and he is making plans for them to conduct this work. Removing VLM is not easy, but it has been done. Two more scheduled dives are planned and we have a tentative emergency dive on the calendar. LWRMA is also planning a dive as they did last year. Jackie and Roberta will be conducting this effort.

Education & Awareness – Sue Hamlin

Quick Keys were printed by us and are available now. Dock drop is a go this year. Stewards can pick up materials at library.

Sue and Diane had their 'Science in the Sand' event at the town beach. 31 children and 9 adults participated.

VLMP workshop is scheduled for July 28 in Stoneham, 30 people signed up so far.

Roberta Hill will be on hand at Plant ID evening at library on August 3rd.

Stewardship Program – Wes Huntress

Kick-off meeting was held July 11 at library, 36 stewards attended. We picked up some new stewards and lost one. Stewards helped out at the plant derby. Steward social will take place at Hewnoaks on August 17, 3-6 pm.

Volunteer - Eddie Poliquin

Eddie created a recruiting list to get more people on the committee. He will start beating the bushes.

Surveyors - Tom Hughes

Kick-off was held on July 23rd. 6 people were present. 4 will attend VLMP workshop. They have built 7 scopes so far and built 8 more.

Stewards will attend IPP workshop at Stoneham Town office on July 28, 2-8pm.

Tom will coordinate with Gene about having his team of surveyors do some volunteering at one of the dives at Cushman Pond. This can be a learning exercise for the survey team that Tom is building.

They will do their first Level 1 survey at Farrington Boat launch on August 12 at 2 pm to which everyone is invited.

Project Reports

Local Rapid Response plan review - review in progress

IAP Survey - Gene Spender – no report.

Next LIPPC meeting August 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Charlotte Hobbs Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Romer