

## **LIPPC Minutes of 28 July 2016 Meeting**

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

Attending were (incl. vol. hours): Diane Caracciolo 22, Marty Prox 7, , Gene Spender 20, Tim Cyr, Dave Mills 10, Ed Poliquin 3, Wes Huntress 12, Mike Maguire 5, , Sue Hamlin 40, and Lou Olmsted 4.

Vol. Hours of members not present:, Steve Lewis , Anna Römer, Jay Hunter 20, Lisabeth and Steve Bender.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the June meeting were approved as amended.

**Treasurers Report:** Dave Mills reported. Only expenses incurred in the past month were for CBI Inspector pay and expenses associated with Steward ship. Additional donations totaled \$2450.00.

**Election of Officers for 2017** – Ed Poliquin proposed the slate of officers for next year:

Chairman - Diane Caracciolo  
Vice Chairman - Jay Hunter  
Secretary - Lou Olmsted  
Treasurer - Dave Mills

The entire slate was elected unanimously.

### **New Business:**

**Launching of Canoes and Kayaks** It has been reported canoes and kayaks are launched frequently at the town beach at Pleasant Point although there is a sign requesting it should be done only at inspection sites at the Narrows or North End of the lake. It was emphasized that kayaks especially, have great potential for carrying plant materials as they are often paddled in shallow swampy areas. Several alternatives were suggested: (1) More signs (2) New signage, more clearly aimed at canoes and kayaks, possibly depicting these watercraft, specifically requesting launching only at inspection sites. (3) Adding an inspector to be stationed at the town beach to facilitate small watercraft launch. (4) Taking a more pleasant, welcoming approach to educate and encourage self inspection of paddled watercraft wherever launched. (5) Reinstalling self inspection kiosk at town beach with better signage.

(Diane will approach the Town Rec. Department to discuss.) (Mike will talk with Muddy River for suggestions regarding a more pleasant, helpful tone for signage.) (Wes will encourage stewards particularly check areas where canoes or kayaks are being launched.)

Lovell Old Home Days - Sue Hamlin gave a follow-up. Total attendance at the event was down. However, attendance at our booths was good and feedback from people visiting the booth was positive. Although we had fewer boats in the boat show than hoped for, visitors thought the boats we had were "cool". Sue felt people liked and showed real interest in the educational presentations. Sue suggested taking the presentations "on the road" to other events and at different times of the year. ( Schools, a Library presentation in the Winter, and short 5 or 10 minute presentations at road association annual meetings.)

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Courtesy Boat Inspection:** Marty Prox reported we have conducted 1025 inspections up to July 15<sup>th</sup>. Fewer boats are being launched this summer to date. In general boat traffic is down. Twenty two plants have been found by inspectors. (All non-invasive)

Slightly outside of LIPPC's primary area of focus, i.e., invasive plants, a potentially invasive snail was found by a Kezar lake shore owner on lower bay. (Possibly a Chinese Mystery Snail) Larger than any native snail. Diane will report when the experts that support LIPPC report their test results.

600 volunteer hours from local organizations, road associations, etc. to date.

**Marketing & Fundraising:** Jay Hunter – No report.

**Communications & Liaison:** Steve Lewis – No report

**Cushman Pond IAP Eradication:** Gene Spender reported: The local team on Cush man found one plant on the May 29<sup>th</sup> dive, two on the June 18<sup>th</sup> dive, and zero plants on the July 23<sup>rd</sup> dive. The last dive for the local team is planned for August 20<sup>th</sup>. NE Milfoil is still on plan to do a detailed survey at the end of the season as this was the plan with the Selectmen as a result of the information from the Milfoil Summit. The DEP grant money will support most of this dive. The Miller Fund will support the required 20% match. NE Milfoil will use the detailed search pattern that LWRMA implemented at the conclusion of 2015 which really assures coverage of the entire area and has proved to be very successful.

**Education & Awareness:** Sue Hamlin reported: Three activities at LOH as covered in the Lovell Old Home Days follow-up above. We had 18 people at the VLMP Paddle on July 6 on Farrington

Pond. The pond has a large diversity of plant life for a small pond and feedback from the paddlers was good.

**Stewardship :** Wes Huntress – Kickoff meeting was held July 9<sup>th</sup>. Very successful, the first year all sectors of the watershed are covered, 60 volunteers. Some stewards participated in the Paddle on Farrington. 6-8 stewards involved in the Lovell Old Home Days activities. Next event August 14 LIPPC Social at Wes' home. Wes is compiling a detailed comprehensive listing of native plants to determine population in all parts of the watershed.

**New Members and Nominating:** Ed Poliquin - Ed reported on officers nominated for next year above.

**Projects to be reported on next meeting:**

Canoes and Kayaks

Road Associations

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Charlotte Hobbs Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Olmsted, Secretary