

Country Pond Lake Association

Via Google Meet

Jan 15, 2026 7:00 pm

Board Meeting Minutes

Review and accept minutes from last meeting:

[October 23, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)

[December 4, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)

The minutes will be circulated via email, and the board will vote on accepting the minutes via email.

Present: Joel, Tobi Greg, Linda, Bill, Sue, Liz, Michele
Special Guest Jeanne Cashin

Treasurer's Report:

\$42,168.34 current balance.

Boat Ramp Project Grant:

- Sue to pay Jamco \$11,961.25.
- We have billed the state for \$70k and received in full
- We have paid out \$66,683.50 to Jamco and KVPartners.
- We have received a \$23,922.50 bill from Jamco for the balance of construction costs.
- State grant reimbursement requirement timeline shows final payment after full construction completed but paving and final site restoration still not completed.
- We will pay half of the invoice now, but the funds will come out of pocket (we have used up the funds that have been received from the grant and will use our own funds to pay a portion of the new invoice.)

MM&A to pay half of the most recent invoice for \$23,922.50 Now and the remaining balance of this bill plus the \$9500 for paving and site restoration will be paid after project fully completed and reimbursed from the state.

Action: Sue to call the state to inquire about the Spiny Naiad reimbursement reconciliation issue that they may owe us additional funds.

VLAP (Volunteer Lake Assessment Program):

Social Media Updates:

Lake Host Program:

- Lake Host Warrant Article
 - [Key 2026 Warrant Article Dates for Newton, NH](#)
 - [2026 LAKE HOST PROGRAM WARRANT ARTICLE 12.09.25](#)

Action: Liz and Pat to attend town meeting Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6pm to answer any questions they may have on the host program and make sure it gets approved by the town.

Communications:

Fundraising

- Renewal application submitted for gaming proceeds and waiting to hear back from the commission.

Weed and Muck

- Guest Speaker: Jeannie Cashin
 - Provided update on communications regarding the culverts on Wilders Grove Road.
 - This area of the lake is filling in with more plant life and sedimenting. Poor water flow accelerates the process and good water flow slows it down.
 - Country Pond showing signs of eutrophication - aging.
 - Good meeting with Paula Mahoney, Newton Town Manager.
 - Multiple meetings happening at the town level about the culvert.
 - Paula was well versed on the issues and said she would look into it and circle back with Jeannie.
 - Paula did not circle back and Jeannie followed up.
 - Jeannie sent letter to the state and copied Sally Soule (NHDES) and Rob Livingston *Watershed Specialist* (NH Lakes)
 - Sally shared that the state has no jurisdiction to make the town do anything.
 - Provided Jeannie with some grant information. The grant requires that a municipality apply.
 - Prior year road work survey by road agent shows Newton intends to abandon the culverts and create a shoreline.

Questions:

-Would the town be open to fixing the culvert if we received a grant to fund the work? Would need to build a case.

-If the town is doing shoreline work, they need to receive state approval before.

-Potential way forward could be to work with the 3 ponds to open waterflow.

Other Business

- Kingston CC Budget for exotic aquatic invasives
 - Certificate of authority for the grant paperwork vote
 - Representation at the end of the January session on the budget
- Road Salt use in Marcoux and other areas.
 - Contact conservation commission.
 - Road agent responsible for signage to prevent plow drivers from using salt.
 - Green SnoPro Certification for plow companies on salt use (not required)

Action: Joel willing to attend a meeting of the Newton Conservation Commission. Help build town awareness on issues going on with Country Pond and impact of salt use around the lake and tributaries.

- MM&A that CPLA work with DES and Kingston Conservation Commission to fund spiny naiad remediation.
- MM&A to cap 2026 remediation program cost to \$20,000 with a grant for 50% of the cost from NHDES, \$10,000.
- CPLA will request 25% of the cost from Kingston, \$5,000.
- CPLA will fund \$5,000 of the cost from its budget.
- MM&A to authorize Greg Senko to execute on behalf of CPLA the grant agreements.
- Mobile boat washing station project. (future project)
- Ice Fishing Derby is Sunday, February 22, 2026
 - Outreach/awareness opportunity

Action Items:

- Greg to post “2025 VLAP results summary” and “VLAP Chemical Parameters” documents on CPLA Website as soon as the document is available.
- Joel to consolidate CPLA website documents to reduce complexity and simplify access.
- Michele Daly, CPLA Webpage Board Member, BIO & Picture
- Joel to draft Weed and Muck committee description and will circulate to board as first step. The second step would be to recruit.
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Next Meeting Date and Place: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7p.m.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.