

COUNTRY POND LAKE ASSOCIATION
Minutes October 9, 2017

Present: Greg Senko; Linda Foss; Jennifer West; Tully Zipkin; Jim Baker; Annie Collyer; Bill Cashin; Jeannie Cashin

New Business:

Board of Directors:

Jeannie nominated Greg as acting VP. All members present agreed and Greg accepted. Greg presented final version of Articles of Agreement for non-profit application, and 5 Acting Board Members were present to sign: Tully Zipkin (President), Greg Senko (Vice President), Jeannie Cashin (Secretary), Jennifer West (Treasurer), Linda Foss (Board Member).

NP-1 application:

The NP-1 application to register our organization's name needs to be submitted to the State of NH with the Articles of Agreement. The Town of Newton will require a copy of the registration.

Tax-Exempt status:

We discussed the need for filing for a 501c3 tax ID (cost involved) vs. NHCT-1 charitable organization filing.

By-laws:

By-laws are being developed with input from all Board members. Final by-laws will need to be approved by CPLA members. Staggered terms for officers will allow for continuity. We recognize that we will need to include immunity from personal liability. Annie Collyer and Jim Baker provided advice on by-laws and other non-profit startup matters based on their experience starting a non-profit organization.

Country Pond Association NH:

The existence of a new Facebook page and a website with a similar name to our proposed association has residents on and around Country Pond confused. There is concern that the existence of another similarly named association will make it more difficult to gather community support.

CPLA Website:

Tully has reserved a URL, *countrypondlakeassociation.org*, for our website. As the acting President, he will also secure administrator capabilities for the current Facebook page. Facebook and our website will be separate. We will provide a link to the website on the Facebook page as soon as the website is established. Administrators will have the ability to remove/edit any posting that is deemed inappropriate.

Email:

Communication with potential members is currently through the established g-mail account. Board members will retain the password for this site.

Funding:

We agree that we will need to apply for grants to assist in funding programs & committees for the benefit of water quality.

Next meeting is: 10-22-2017

Minutes submitted by Acting Secretary, Jeannie Cashin