

Country Pond Lake Association

March 26, 2018 - Meeting Minutes

Present: Tully (Pres), Greg (VP), Jeannie (Sec), Jennifer (Treas), Linda (Board member), Tobi (member), Bill (member)

Opening remarks by President: Meeting called to order 6:50pm. Tully addressed the questions that were recently asked on CPLA Facebook page. This inquiry was questioning if our association is attempting to control issues of recreation on Country Pond. Answers were sent to clarify that we are focusing only on the quality of our water. We will attempt to add a FAQ question & answer section to our website.

Review and accept minutes from last meeting: Motion to accept – Linda Second -Tully

Treasurer's report: Currently at 32 donating members. Budget for 2018, to date is \$1,693 which includes 2018 water testing (\$480), membership in NH Lakes (\$300) & reserve fund for liability insurance required for grant money (\$500).

Kingston Conservation Commission has been asked to include CPLA in their budget for 2019 funding toward VLAP water testing. A formal request was sent by Greg, a reply has not been received.

We have not received an answer yet from Newton Conservation Commission about our request for assistance to fund Membership to NH Lakes for Lake Host programs.

Old business: Greg, Jeannie, Bill & Tobi attended the Country Pond Fish & Game Club member meeting on 3/15. Introduction and explanation of Country Pond Lake Association was well received and many questions were answered. They have added a link to their website for our association website & Facebook page. Location for CPLA 1st annual meeting on 6/2/18 is confirmed for this location. There is a kitchen and a large meeting area with a screen & projector for our guest speakers. Thank you letters were sent to Whispering Pines Campground and Newton Selectman Gonyer (Town Hall) for offering their facilities also.

New business:

Earth Day:

Kingston will be conducting roadside trash pick-up (Rt. 111) for Earth Day on Sat. 4/21/18. They have offered trash bags and the use of their safety vests to CPLA. We will reach out for volunteers to assist CPLA, on Sun. 4/22/18, with shoreline (kayak/canoe) and roadside trash pick-up in both towns. Jen will order some T-shirts with text only.

Meeting place will be Newton boat ramp on Country Pond Rd. at 9am. Volunteers will need to sign up for a safety vest & assure its return.

Bill will pick up trash bags in the designated areas & bring to transfer station.

Jeannie will create a list of 4 areas to be targeted & expand if others decide to participate in their neighborhoods.

Linda will ask Kingston Conservation to add CPLA website link. Jeannie will ask Newton for same.

Annual Meeting:

Invitations to be printed, posted, e-mailed & distributed

Sign in sheet is created. Jeannie will check with Market Basket for possible discount on muffins & fruit & paper/plastic goods.

Agenda for meeting and who will present topics is deferred until next meeting. Tobi will collect pictures for a slideshow.

Next CPLA Meeting is scheduled for **4/9/18**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm by Greg, seconded by Jen

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannie Cashin, Secretary