

# Country Pond Lake Association Meeting Minutes

74 Wilders Grove Rd. Newton NH 03858

June 12, 2018

**Present:** Greg, Linda, Alicia, Tobi, Jen, Jeannie and Bill. Grace and Biff Daly joined us at 8pm

**Opening remarks by V.P.:** Meeting called to order 7pm. We had an excellent turnout at our first CPLA Annual Meeting. Many attendees donated to become voting members. Guest speakers were well received and several people expressed interest in becoming more involved. We need to come up with descriptions of responsibilities for various subcommittee volunteers.

**Review and accept minutes from last meeting:** Motion to accept Greg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda. Minutes from the 6/2 Annual Meeting require a few adjustments and will be posted on the website when completed.

**Treasurers' report:** Current member count is 51 - Current bank balance \$1,713.31.

**Old business:** The NHDES VLAP workshop in Concord was attended by Alicia, Bill, Tobi, Roger, Greg, and Sean on May 19<sup>th</sup>. On June 1<sup>st</sup> Greg, Linda and Alicia attended the 2018 Lakes Congress in Meredith. Summaries of these meetings can be found on the News and Events page of the CPLA website.

One key issue discussed at the Lakes Congress is that NHDES lacks the manpower necessary to fully enforce the Shoreland Protection Act. They do not have enough resource to verify compliance with permits and are not able to investigate all report of violations. Towns have the authority to verify compliance but often do not have the resources. Towns can require a local permit which can fund inspections by a town employee such as a town manager or engineer to close this loop.

New sponsors have been added to the website.

**New business:** A motion to become a member partner with NH Lakes Association, a \$300 expenditure, was proposed by Greg and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeannie. All are in agreement. Treasurer will complete the transaction. NHDES has provided CPLA with red cyano warning signs. These signs can be posted when a cyanobacteria bloom is observed in Country Pond. Bill and Greg have the signs. Samples of the blooms must be sent to DES for testing to confirm that the advisory warning sign is justified.

Due to the rapid progress of CPLA and the energy and interest of members, NHDES is considering starting a grant application for developing a watershed management plan. CPLA will need a leader and a committed team to assist in developing and implementing the watershed management plan.

Two members expressed interest in helping CPLA with fundraising and promotion at the Annual Meeting.

Descriptions for committee chairs and volunteers for programs including **Weed Watcher, Lake Host and Watershed Management** are to be created and posted on the website.

It was suggested to utilize high school and scouting programs to find volunteers.

Alicia reported on a Newton Conservation Commission meeting that she attended. They suggested a donation campaign for CPLA at the boat ramp and/or town beach. The idea was well-received idea by our Board.

Grace Daly, a CPLA member and graphic designer volunteered to create some sample logos for CPLA.

Kingston Days will be on 8/3, 4 and 5 this year. Greg motioned that CPLA spend \$50 to have a display table with fundraising capabilities, Jen 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree with a condition that we obtain a location for our tent which is in a high traffic area. Greg will follow up. Alicia volunteered the use of her tent. CPLA plans to purchase a 6ft banner for the display table. Suggestions for raffle ideas and a potential mini flume depicting erosion were discussed.

## **Special Committees:**

**VLAP Coordinator:** Sara Steiner of NHDES, provided the hands-on water sampling training for 4 volunteers today; Alicia Geilen, Sean Murray, Tobi Howell and Bill Cashin. Today's tests are the first of four monthly tests that will be performed in 2018. Sampling is being performed at the deepest water location in Country Pond (35 feet) plus 1 outlet and 2 inlet testing areas. Results take 3-4 weeks to obtain and will be posted on the DES website and a copy will be sent to CPLA. The next collection date is set for 7/8/18 when additional volunteers will be trained on the

procedures by Alicia. Samples will be delivered to Concord by Tobi. Pictures and a write up will be added to the News and Events website page.

**Social Media Coordinator:** Tobi videoed today's water sampling. This will be a great reference to have and will assist in training alternate VLAP team members in the future.

**Adjourn: 9 pm - Jeannie motioned to adjourn, Linda 2<sup>nd</sup>.**