

Country Pond Lake Association Meeting Minutes

74 Wilders Grove Rd. Newton NH 03858

June 27, 2018

Present: Greg, Linda, Alicia, Jen, Jeannie, Bill

Opening remarks by V.P.: Meeting called to order 6:40pm. Greg commented on the membership success to date and how busy we remain with the planning and implementation of programs.

Review and accept minutes from last meeting: Motion to accept Greg, 2nd Jeannie. Greg has determined that it would not be appropriate to post the minutes from the 6/2 Annual Meeting in our display cases or in local businesses. Instead a sign with general information about CPLA will be created by Linda for posting in public places.

Treasurers' report: No changes at this time. NH Lakes Partner Membership will be paid by this weekend. Receipts for annual meeting supply reimbursement received.

Old business: Greg attended a planning meeting for Kingston Days. All non-profits are set up in the same area on the common. We all discussed the priorities to focus on for CPLA and determined, unanimously, to postpone plans of set up for Kingston Days until next year. We want to establish committees and programs such as weed watching, rain gardens and stormwater management and lake host that will benefit Country Pond. Website call for weed watcher volunteers shows at the top of the website. Response has been well received. Monthly summary of Board activities has been sent to Greg. Once approved by the Board, it will be posted on the web.

New business: VLAP Coordinator, Alicia was voted into the Newton Conservation Committee. She explained the importance of water sampling for Country Pond at their meeting and they agreed to fund 2 of our 4 samplings in 2018. She and another sole member have donated funds for 1 of the samplings also. Newton will pay NH DES directly, Jen will still include the expense for 2019 budget with a note of explanation and copy of invoices. Next sampling will be 7/8, meet at Bill's boat at 1pm. Alicia will be training Greg to be an alternate. Tobi will deliver samples to Concord within 24 hours and obtain supplies for August.

Test results- posted on our website must be accompanied by a detailed explanation of parameters and how they affect Country Pond's water quality. Greg will write up a news item with a direct link to the NH DES database if people want to see actual results. An annual report summarizing the water testing results will be posted to our site at the end of the season, which NH DES indicates is the typical practice by other lake associations.

Alicia attended a meeting with Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC). *During the meeting, they voiced how impressed they are with CPLA's activity and website!* She gave us meeting information regarding MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System). Towns are required to develop and implement a plan for managing storm water runoff, reducing pollution entering into local water bodies. The requirements of an MS4 plan are synergistic with a watershed management plan for Country Pond.

Weed Watcher call for volunteers resulted in 9 eager participants including interest as the Program Coordinator. Jeannie will set up a meeting with the potential Coordinator for next week. Greg will contact Amy at DES regarding training and kits. He will also inquire about weed watcher T-shirts. Linda will print volunteer opportunities for posting. Bill will talk to campgrounds regarding interest in adopting their proximity in the program and bring these flyers for posting.

Grace sent several examples of logos. Together, the board merged some of her designs and made changes to send back to her.

A meeting site for kicking off the Soak Up the Rain program needs to be selected. Pictures of the Board's properties will be sent to Greg and forwarded to Lisa. Lisa will be viewing the sites and selecting one for an initial

meeting with the Board to kick off the Soak up the Rain program and to discuss possible solutions for stormwater runoff from roofs, hillsides and other landscapes. This will not include road caused erosion. Linda will send an informational e-note, letting friends and members know what the program is about. We can then schedule a workshop for CPLA members and friends. A request will be made to our local greenhouse to become a CPLA sponsor. We will inquire if there is a potential for offering coupons or discounts for CPLA members purchasing plants for control of stormwater runoff.

Next steps – Fundraising
Creation of an annual newsletter
Excel database

Adjourn: 8:50 pm - Greg motioned to adjourn, Jeannie 2nd.

Next Meeting: Wed. July 18th at 6:30pm