

# **Country Pond Lake Association Meeting Minutes**

74 Wilders Grove Rd. Newton NH 03858

Sept 18, 2018 7 pm

**Present:** Tobi, Greg, Linda, Bill, Jeannie

## **Opening remarks by President:**

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm. Greg reiterated how fortunate we are for the good quality of water over the summer with no cyanobacteria blooms being reported. Many other NH lakes have had significant cyanobacteria issues this year.

This past week a large patch of the nuisance species Southern Naiad was observed near the Southwest Mill Brook inlet. Due to this late season observation, it is imperative that we complete a final weed watcher survey.

## **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and accepted. Motion to accept – Jeannie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda.

## **Treasurers report:**

Tobi proposed that dues paid after Labor Day be applied to membership for 2019, seconded by Bill, passed with unanimous approval. CPLA's fiscal year is January 1 - December 31. In future meetings we will discuss potential membership levels, incorporating CPLA branded items when they become available. Reaching out to more sponsors and businesses is one of our goals. Linda estimates that, of approximately 160 homes with deeded access to Country Pond, our membership reached close to 30% in our first year.

## **Committees:**

**VLAP:** A comparison of water testing results for August shows a similarity to July results, with the exception of deeper layers having higher concentration of phosphorous levels. September 4<sup>th</sup> was the last scheduled sampling for 2018, results pending. As soon as it is available from NHDES, the annual summary of VLAP water testing results will be posted in the CPLA website and communicated through MailChimp and Facebook.

Requests have been made to the Kingston and Newton Conservation Commissions in the Towns for assistance in funding water testing and equipment costs. The Kingston Conservation Commission has included the request in their 2019 budget proposal.

**Social Media:** News and events get posted on CPLA's Facebook page following announcements to members and friends through MailChimp. Tobi plans to post more live videos due to the positive feedback from his first live stream posting.

**Weed Watchers:** Jeannie sent a thank you letter to Michelle for the startup of this Committee. Tobi will contact her and suggest that weed watchers make an end of season survey due to the recent sighting mentioned above.

## **Communications:**

Our next email news will announce that the Rockingham Planning Commission has submitted a 604b grant application for Country Pond. The application includes NHDES and CPLA as supporting

organizations. A supporting letter was requested from and submitted by Greg. If awarded this grant, the funds will be used to hire a consulting firm to develop a Watershed Management Plan for Country Pond. The consulting firm will be hired through a public bidding process. Once the watershed management plan is completed, CPLA can then apply for additional Grant funding to begin implementing the project as outlined in the plan which will reduce nutrients entering into Country Pond.

A CPLA Newsletter will be compiled for release prior to Spring 2019.

We have become aware that one member has not been able to receive CPLA emails from MailChimp. We believe the problem lies in a security setting at the server level which we cannot change. The member has been notified and will receive communications in an alternate manner.

#### **Old Business:**

Our "Soak up the Rain" presentation was well attended. Many people signed up for a site visit with NH DES. The date of the visits may be October 9th, depending on availability of DES staff and lake residents.

Greg will inform Grace Daly of the unanimous approval from Board members to offer an honorable membership for 2019. She has spent many hours creating a wonderful logo for CPLA.

Jeannie will do more research on pricing for screen-printing.

Jeannie will confer with Tully regarding the road signs to deter littering, ask Michelle about Weed Watchers Program for next summer, send an inquiry to Spring Hill and speak with Sharon about Event Coordinating in 2019.

#### **New Business:**

An e-mail list sign-up form has been added to our website.

Jeannie suggests that we post a summary of our accomplishments on the website in conjunction with celebrating CPLA's successful first year.

Jeannie proposed a title change from Fundraising Committee to Event Coordinating, second by Linda.

A new GoDaddy account was established to transfer the [countrypondlakeassociation.org](http://countrypondlakeassociation.org) domain away from Tully's account to our own Association account. The domain registration was due to renew on the old private account. The Board had previously decided that an Association account should be set up and the transfer take place before the renewal.

Website hosting must also be renewed before the end of the year. Greg learned that there will be an additional cost to separate our website from Tully's account. It will require complete rebuilding of the site on the new account which will take several days to complete. To get the rebuilding process started, Greg proposed that the payment for the new website registration be made to GoDaddy now instead of waiting until November. The old site will remain active until the new site is completed and tested. Jeannie requested that Greg speak directly with someone there that can answer why this is an issue prior to spending money and time. Greg will call tomorrow. If the end result remains the same, Greg proposed that we approve the expenditure, second by Tobi, passed by majority vote.

We will have our 2019 annual meeting on the first Saturday in June. Bill will check in with all campgrounds for space and support. Future meetings will determine guest speakers based on the activities and progress of CPLA.

**Adjourn:** 9:15, motion to adjourn, Jeannie – 2<sup>nd</sup> Greg

Next meetings: 10/11 & 11/13

Respectfully Submitted;  
Jeannie Cashin, Secretary