

Country Pond Lake Association Meeting Minutes

74 Wilders Grove Rd. Newton NH 03858

October 12, 2018

Present: Greg, Linda, Bill, Jen

Opening remarks by President:

Meeting called to order at 7:10. Greg listed the activity that had taken place since the last Board meeting, including: Meeting with Kingston Select Board regarding MS4, Soak Up the Rain site visits, the cyanobacteria advisory, the new logo, website domain transfer and communication with Kingston Conservation Commission.

Secretary's Report:

Since Jeannie was not present Greg read minutes from the last Board meeting. Motion to accept – Jen, 2nd by Bill. Minutes from the August 1 Board meeting were amended. Motion to accept amended minutes – Greg, second Jen.

Treasurers report:

Jen reported our current bank balance is \$716.05.

Invoices paid since the last Board meeting include:

GoDaddy web hosting (prepaid for 12 months) \$186.56

Domain name annual fee \$20.17

Water testing \$240.

We received \$40 for t-shirts; Jen will place another order for 10 shirts.

We will need to order checks.

Committees:

VLAP: Alicia was not present. She did send an email to the Board promising to follow up with results from the September water testing as soon as she received the data.

Social Media: Tobi was not present. Bill said that he was impressed with Tobi's Facebook video post of the lake and noted that it was well received by other lake residents. Bill suggested that we update the CPLA website, including all of our accomplishments and activities. This will allow the public to be informed of the importance of CPLA.

Weed Watchers: Michele provided an updated tracking report. Michele sent an email indicating that she could not continue to manage Weed Watchers because of her college workload and evolving job plans for next summer.

Correspondence:

Brian Philpott sent an email regarding the order of dam draw-downs in the Powwow River watershed and a conversation he had with Kingston Road Agent Rich St. Hilaire. He asked if CPLA had taken any action or had information regarding lake water levels. CPLA has not dealt with this issue before. Greg referenced a 2007 newspaper article that stated the Trickling Falls Dam is managed by the NH DES Bureau of Dams. Jen will reach out to Brian to ask if he would like to pursue this matter with the Bureau of Dams on CPLA's behalf.

Greg received the Powwow Municipal Watershed report from Julie LaBranche at RPC. Greg will forward it to the Board. Kingston was not listed as an MS4 town; Greg notified Julie and she will correct this.

Dana Akers sent an email to the Board expressing several concerns regarding CPLA.

Communications:

Regarding the problem with sending MailChimp emails to one member with a hotmail.com address, Jen suggested adding her old outlook.com email address to the distribution list to possibly re-create and solve the problem.

The emails sent to CPLA's membership since the last meeting are: High water alert, 604b grant application, cyanobacteria advisory, cyanobacteria advisory removed, thank you to Grace Daly for the logo

Old Business:

Greg noted that Sally has re-submitted the 604b grant application with revised number. A decision is still expected by the end of the month.

The new logo has been incorporated into MailChimp and the website.

Greg contacted GoDaddy customer support a second time to get information on transferring the web hosting from Tully's account to CPLA's own account. He found a support representative who was willing to help him transfer the site without having to rebuild it for a \$60 fee. He decided to work with this support rep and transfer the site immediately, as previous reps had told him it was not possible. The website was transferred several weeks before the renewal was due, but at a discounted price for early renewal.

Greg attended the Kingston Select Board meeting on October 1. At the meeting Road Agent Rich St. Hilaire provided the Select Board with information on the Town's upcoming responsibilities regarding MS4, including the need to perform water quality sampling. He estimates that MS4 compliance will cost the Town an additional \$20K - \$30K per year. Greg met Rich and expressed that CPLA and the Town had common goals regarding MS4 and discussed some of the ways in which CPLA could help the Town meet upcoming requirements.

New Business:

At its last meeting Kingston Conservation Commission voted to become a CPLA member.

Greg accompanied Lisa Loosigian and Sally Soule on the Soak Up the Rain site visits on October 9. They visited 5 properties on Highland Road, Concannon, Wilder Grove, Ridge Rd and Wenmarks. While these properties did have serious runoff issues, most of them do not have runoff that was carrying soils into the lake, which NH DES would ideally want in a demonstration site. The Ridge Rd. property may be the best prospect as there is runoff directly into the lake. While visiting Wenmarks the group did notice serious runoff problems at the Newton Town Beach and Whispering Pines Campground boat ramp. NH DES noted that they often see this type of problem at similar sites.

Greg mentioned that as part of our GoDaddy account we also have the email address *info@countrypondlakeassociation.org*. However, we would lose that email account if we decided in the

future to choose a different web hosting company. The Board decided to continue to use the Gmail address.

Adjourn: 9:15, motion to adjourn, Bill - 2nd Jen

Next meeting November 13, 7pm