

Country Pond Lake Association Meeting Minutes

Kingston Town Library

November 13, 2018

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

Meeting called to order at 7:05.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and accepted. Motion to accept – Jeannie, 2nd by Greg

Treasurers report: Jen purchased 10 more T-shirts, all are size L and XL. She will be reimbursed with CPLA funds. She will follow up on the final VLAP invoice with NCC.

Committees:

VLAP: No new reports

Social Media: Tobi reports consistent interest on CPLA's Facebook page. He posts the email communications to ensure followers receive progress updates.

Weed Watchers: Tobi has agreed to take over as coordinator for this committee. We will reach out to volunteers in early spring to confirm their participation in the coming season.

Communications: An email communication was sent regarding the 604b grant decision for Country Pond. Another email addressed high water levels. CPLA's website is up to date and dam data sheets for Country Pond and Trickling Falls are available in the documents tab. Soak up the Rain post meeting information will be added soon.

Linda updated the CPLA flyer.

Old Business:

RPC Meeting: Greg attended the Rockingham Planning Committee (RPC) meeting in October. Forward progress is slow due to RPC's restricted ability to obtain parcel usage information. The information is needed to complete an analysis of "hotspots" in the watershed.

Soak Up the Rain: Lisa Loosigian is working on written recommendations following the Soak Up the Rain site visits. She expects to send them out to the homeowners before the end of the year.

Water Level: Greg has been regularly checking the water flow from Country Pond into Powwow Pond and over the Trickling Falls Dam. He has contacted the NH Bureau of Dams to get more information about the current situation, normal operating levels and seasonal drawdowns. Greg displayed recent pictures of the high water at Trickling Falls Dam, New Boston Road culvert and the Pond Street Bridge. Water is flowing freely at these locations. Tobi mentioned that news reports, of our area, indicate the sixth rainiest October in history.

New Business:

KCC Funding: Kingston Conservation Commission has included funding for Country Pond water testing in their budget for 2019.

Long Pond Dam/LPPA: Brian, President for Long Pond Protective Association in Danville, met with Greg to discuss concerns over the future of the Long Pond dam, as it is privately owned. Brian said that their meetings are open to the public.

Open Board Meeting: CPLA's Board discussed having an open meeting quarterly for our members, all Board members present are in favor.

2019 Budget: Alternative budget plans for 2019 were presented.

Income: We hope to gain more members and sponsors, apply for a Lake Host grant, hold a fundraising event and get more support from our Towns.

Expenses: three budgets were presented:

1. Without Lake Host Program. Projected to produce a surplus of approx. \$570.
2. With Lake Host program that includes wages for the Manager and relies on volunteer Inspectors. Projected to produce a surplus of approx. \$90 if we receive a NH Lakes grant.
3. With Lake Host program that includes wages for the Manager and Inspectors. Without support from Newton for the Lake Host program, projected to produce a deficit of over \$4,000.

After discussion, we agreed that only options 1 and 2 could be considered. Greg made a motion to accept budget number 2, 2nd by Jen, unanimous approval.

Lake Host: We will invite members interested in a Lake Host Program to attend our next Board meeting. A Manager, a Point Person and several Inspectors are necessary to implement the program. Jen made a motion to submit the application to NH Lakes for a \$1000.00 Grant to start a Lake Host Program, which must be submitted by March 12, 2nd by Linda, unanimous approval. The grant application must include the contact information for the Manager and Point Person; therefore, volunteers must be secured before submitting the application.

Items deferred due to time limitations or lack of consensus: Aug 1, 2018 Meeting minutes update, Membership renewal drive: email blast, flyers, open Board meeting (Holiday mixer), Soak Up the Rain program coordinator needed.

Adjourn: 9:30, motion to adjourn, Jeannie - 2nd Linda

Respectfully Submitted;

Jeannie Cashin, Secretary