

Country Pond Lake Association Meeting Minutes

Kingston Town Library

January 15, 2019

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

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm by Greg.

Review and accept minutes from last meeting: Motion to accept – Greg, 2nd Tobi – majority approved

Treasurers report: Jen has reported to Greg a total of \$600 in member donations for 2019 with many members contributing at the Partner and Sponsor levels.

We do not have an answer regarding the September water sampling bill reimbursement from Newton. Alicia will check its status.

Committees:

VLAP: Alicia reports that Newton Conservation Commission has included funding for water sampling in their budget for 2019. She will, again, coordinate collection dates with Kingston Lake and PowWow Pond to borrow their water sampling equipment. We will be adding a fifth month, May, to the 2019 schedule. Being able to purchase our own equipment will be contingent on the town conservation commission budgets being approved. Sara of NHDES will repeat the testing for dissolved oxygenation in May and record the thermocline (temperature variation with depth). We are planning to reimburse delivery drivers for the trips to Concord this year.

It is planned that Alicia and the VLAP volunteers will be attending the NH DES refresher training for water testing again this spring.

Alicia is committed to the VLAP Program and her Committee but with her busy work schedule, has little additional time for CPLA. Because she is unable to attend many CPLA Board meetings and wants to focus on VLAP only, she does not wish to be a voting member of the Board. Greg proposed a title change from Chair to Coordinator of VLAP to remove her status as a Board member and comply with her request, 2nd by Linda – majority approved.

Social Media: Tobi is researching the ability to donate to CPLA through our Facebook page. This could potentially be a PayPal button or direct deposit to CPLA's bank account.

He will post the February 12th Lake Host meeting.

Weed Watchers: Tobi plans to maintain a tracking and reporting system for documenting areas where vegetative growth is expanding. His plans include educating users of Country Pond to contact the Weed Watchers and utilize the Committee to identify plant growth concerns. He will reach out to 2018 volunteers in the spring. We hope to be able to supply CPLA T-shirts to Committee Volunteers.

Communications: Recent email announcements include the February Lake Host Meeting invite, educational links for ice safety, membership renewal reminder and an explanation of 2018 CPLA budget spending.

We will share annual water sampling results as well as updates on the watershed grant when they are available.

A flyer about the Lake Host Meeting was produced. Linda and Bill will post them in stores, libraries and Town Halls this week.

Old Business:

CPLA's website updates include the Lake Host meeting announcement, Lake Host job descriptions and 2019 membership levels. Sponsor and Partner lists are re-named Supporters. Decals will be sent with acknowledgements, tote bags will be personally delivered by CPLA Board members. Linda is following up on these items.

Greg is researching a multi-dollar level Paypal donation link for the website.

RPC meetings are still on hold.

Jeannie updated the residents list and sent it to Linda. Linda will cross-reference updates with MailChimp and CPLA Gmail and will send me information regarding new residents in her neighborhood.

New Business:

Alicia informed us that the Newton Select Board and Planning Board have assumed responsibility for MS4 (municipal separate storm sewer system) compliance, which had previously been the responsibility of the Conservation Commission. Alicia and Greg have attended the Planning Board Meetings in their Towns of Newton and Kingston, respectively.

Alicia and the Newton Conservation Commission have encouraged CPLA to establish a relationship with the Newton Recreation Commission, which is responsible for water testing at the Newton Town Beach. They test for fecal coliform only, not the parameters that are included in VLAP testing. When hazardous levels are detected, the Recreation Commission notifies the Health Office and a beach advisory will be listed by NH DES. Lake residents should check the beach advisory list for their safety.

Goals for this year:

Lake Host Program – requires a Manager, Point Person and boat inspectors

Soak Up the Rain Program – need a Coordinator

Watershed Management Plan – Consultant will be chosen by NH DES

Interface and develop relationships with Towns

Hold one or more open CPLA Board meetings

Adjourn: 8:45pm, Greg motion to adjourn, 2nd by Jeannie

Respectfully Submitted;

Jeannie Cashin, Secretary