

# Minutes

## Country Pond Lake Association

January 23, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm via Zoom

**Present:** Greg Senko, Sue Zipkin, Linda Foss, Barbara DiVecchia, Tobi Howell, Bill Cashin, Jennifer West, Liz MacNeil, Jon Simard

**Absent:** Joel Daly

**Minutes:** Minutes from the 12/5/2023 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes, all in favor.

### **Treasurers report:**

- Account Balances: \$22,611.04
- Gaming: We made over 16K+ from gaming last year. It is anticipated that we will receive less this year as our assigned gaming dates are not as good as last year's.
- We received \$9950 as the first payment for the Watershed Assistance Grant.
- Jeff has terminated the old Venmo account, so this needs to be removed from the website. Sue would like to set up a new account for CPLA.

### **Committees:**

- **VLAP:** Bill reported that he will be scheduling 5 sampling dates for the current year.
- **Social Media:** Tobi has not made any posts lately. People are still going to our site even though we're not posting.
- **Lake Host Warrant Article:** We got the needed signatures, and the document was delivered to the town. Jen will attend the deliberative session.

### **Communications:**

- **Invasive Removal Grant:** Amy Smagula selected the same vendor we used last summer, LTD Diving and Diver for Hire: 2 divers for an estimated \$15,000 for 15 days. We need to submit the paperwork for the grant by 2/16/24. The grant will pay 50% of the cost. Greg reported that Kingston will contribute 50% of the remaining balance (\$3750) but feels that Newton should pay their share as well. MM&S to use CPLA funding to cover Newton's portion of the cost (\$3750) to do weed removal for 1 year. MM&S to give Greg the authority to submit paperwork for the grant.

### **Old Business:**

- Boat Ramp – KV Partners has created preliminary plans, but they cannot complete the design until the test pits have been dug. The Road Agent has been busy and unable to dig the test pits, so KV suggested that we hire a contractor to dig the test pits. The test

pits should cost no more than \$2,000. MM&S to authorize KV Partners to hire a contractor to dig the test pits.

### **New Business**

- Liz MacNeil & Jon Simard have volunteered to become more involved in CPLA. They both have engineering backgrounds, so could possibly contribute to the engineering work being done for the boat ramp & test pits, weed removal & grant applications. They can perhaps be added to the team as members of a special committee.
- Joel will send his update via email.
- Annual meeting date: Saturday June 8, 2024.
- Jen has resigned as Vice President of CPLA but will remain involved as a Member-at-Large as time allows. Joel will fill Jen's role with the Lake Host Program and as Vice President.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday Feb 21, 2024 at 7PM**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm