

Minutes
Country Pond Lake Association

8/11//2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Present: Greg Senko, Jennifer West, Sue Zipkin, Bill Cashin, Jeanne Cashin, Linda Foss

Absent: Tobi Howell

Guests: Sally Soule, NH DES Coastal Watershed Supervisor

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the 7/13/2022 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue will coordinate with Jen to visit the bank to get account authorization. She has obtained the key to the PO box from Jeff and has been checking it regularly.

Boat Parade:

CPLA's first year hosting the former Wilder's Grove Boat Parade was a success, with about a dozen boats participating and many people watching and cheering from shore. The panel of judges had representatives from neighborhoods around the lake. There was a good turnout at the cookout held at Jen's house.

Raffle:

The raffle drawing will be held on September 3 at the WGCOA Taco Cookoff. Ticket sales will be online whenever possible to make accounting easier. There will be an email blast and update to the website with purchase information once the raffle items are bundled and ready to present.

Membership:

Sue did a membership analysis which showed that membership and dues have increased significantly in the past month, putting 2022 on par with other years. Linda has drafted a reminder letter for former members who are not current with dues.

Watershed Assistance Grant:

Sally Soule of NH DES joined the meeting to discuss CPLA's options for the Watershed Assistance Grant. Greg reached out to Sally after last month's meeting to express concern that

CPLA did not have the resources to implement the full scope of the grant since an early estimate of the boat ramp project was \$20K over the anticipated cost and construction costs have increased significant in the past several months. Sally said that DES understood the challenges facing all-volunteer organizations like CPLA and that they understood the many variables that can affect such projects. She also noted that she has worked with other small lake associations that have faced similar circumstances and understands the need for flexibility. Sally informed CPLA that a decision to move forward with only part of the work, or even none of the work, specified in the grant would have a negative impact on CPLA's ability to apply for grants for the same, or other, projects in the future. She made the following suggestions.

- Amend the grant to remove the task of constructing the boat ramp
- Keep the Concannon Road project in the grant.
- Keep the boat ramp engineering plans in the grant. They may be used to complete the project at a future date.
- Removing the boat ramp construction will reduce the grant from \$50K to \$15K.
- Once the boat ramp plans are complete, CPLA can present them to the Town of Newton. CPLA could apply for a construction grant in a later year, or the Town of Newton could apply for the construction grant themselves.
- Liability insurance is still required for the project.
- It will take about 6-8 weeks once the grant is signed and submitted to the Governor's Council for approval for funds to be released (anticipated end of October).
- Greg will coordinate with the Kingston Highway Department to ask what their expected start date is for the project, and to be certain that residents' concerns about maintenance and snow removal around the trench are addressed to their satisfaction.
- The Highway Department could do match work before the grant agreement is signed by the Governor and Executive Council, however they will not be paid until the grant is formally approved.
- Sue asked if permission was needed for pre-award costs. Sally said she would look into it.
- Sally will send revised documents for board approval and signature.

Motion to change the scope of the watershed assistance grant as described by Sally Soule. MM&S, all present in favor. Jen and Tobi will be contacted by email to have their votes recorded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Next meeting Tuesday, September 13, 7:00pm