

## **LIPPC Minutes of 26 January 2012**

Tom Hughes opened the meeting at the Charlotte Hobbs Library at 7:00 PM.

Attending were: Ed Nista, Tom Hughes, Diane Caracciolo, Marty Prox, Ray Senecal, Ann Williams, Anna Römer, Sue Hamlin, Lucy LaCasse, Ralph Tedesco, Dave Mills, Bob Drew, Wes Huntress via/Skype, and Lou Olmsted.

The minutes of the November-December meeting were accepted as issued.

The treasurer's report was read by Ed Nista and approved. Final balance at the end of 2011 was \$11,607.

The town Budget Committee will meet next week to consider and to make their recommendations on proposed requests for consideration at the Town Meeting. Ed will attend. We hope to have the endorsement of the Budget Committee and the Selectmen on our budget request for 2012. It was felt the LIPPC committee's fund raising efforts in 2011 along with a clear record of accomplishments will strengthen our case.

### **Old Business:**

Self Inspection Kiosks – Dave Mills recommended we change the wording on our signs from “voluntary” to “mandatory” in order to stress the importance of self inspection to boaters when CBI inspectors are not present. Ralph Tedesco moved this be done. Following discussion, the motion was not passed. It was decided since we have had limited experience with the Self Inspection Kiosks, to leave the signage as is in 2012, add three additional Kiosks as decided at the previous meeting, and establish procedures for maintaining the kiosks ( e.g. stocking and pick up of completed forms on a timely basis, greater emphasis by CBI on use of the self inspection stations at the water bodies where inspectors are not present). The possible use of the Stewards to stock and pick up forms as well as establishing routine inspection of the metal containers for any weeds removed during inspections was suggested. We will consider this in setting up the Stewards program.

Swing Gates – The funding for the second gate, at the north end, was completed by year end. No town money was used for the swing gates. Thanks to all the contributors! Installation of protective barriers to prevent damage to the gates is being done by the town.

### **Committee Reports:**

CBI – Marty reported we will interview to fill all paid positions for 2012. More commitment is needed to assure weekend coverage. We would also like to find some non-student inspectors for the May – June and September periods. Gene

will be preparing advertising for available positions which the town will enter in local newspapers.

It is planned to begin inspections the last week in April, depending on weather conditions.

Charlie Dattelbaum has requested usage information be maintained by the CBI inspectors on the wash station.

Communications and Liaison – Ann reported that the LIPPC report for inclusion in the warrant booklet was completed by Ann and Ed Nista. It was agreed that it provided an excellent summary of committee accomplishments in 2011.

The Milfoil Summit will be held Friday, March 2 in Auburn. Again this year CBI training is mandatory and at least one person from each organization must attend.

Cushman Pond – No report.

Education – Sue felt the Lovell Old Home Days booth was very successful and a great way to connect with the community. Lucy reported they plan one or two Eyes on the Water outings, possibly on Horseshoe or Farrington Ponds. They will try to have extra kayaks or canoes for the events.

The Education Committee would like to work with the Stewardship Committee in providing training and materials for the program (such as bucket scopes).

Would like to print cards of native plants to help people recognize plants that belong here and those that don't.

Sue will contact New Suncook School on the possibility of including a plant identification session in the After School Program.

Educate more people on the importance of early detection of invasives through "Eyes on the Water". Anna has contacted Aaron Tripp to develop a logo for Eyes on the Water.

Grants – Ray reported they are preparing to submit the CBI grant for 2012. Also looking for other grant possibilities.

Stewardship Program – Wes reported the committee has now been formed. Recruiting Stewards for each water body is first priority. He has sent out the Stewards Handbook for review. The objective is to set up a network of neighbors on the water bodies to watch for invasive plants.

They hope to have all information ready by next month for recruiting for 2012.

Volunteer Coordinator – No report.

Boat Launch Access – Diane reported Ed Poliquin plans to revisit and follow up on the survey done in 2011.

Rapid Response committee – Diane reported the draft of our rapid response plan was circulated to the DEP. John McPhedran and his associates plan to review it and comment on its viability in the next few weeks.

### **New Business:**

LIPPC Files – Tom reported that LIPPC files have now been set up at the Town Office. There is a separate folder for each committees use. All finished work should be filed and available to the public.

LIPPC 2011 Learning – Tom invited each member of the committee to comment on what we have learned in the first year and what we might improve on in 2012. Among the comments and ideas:

- We should seek out older, non-student employees for CBI who are motivated and dependable.
- The boat wash station and swing gate projects were good.
- The approach to road associations soliciting their support was good.
- We need to find additional material for the LIPPC booth at Lovell Old Home Days.
- A number of people raised concern with overlap of function between committees and confusion to the public.
- We learned a great deal about how to best use CBI volunteers in 2011 that will lead to improvement in 2012.
- We need to continue looking outward to find ideas that have been effective for others that we might adopt.
- Openness is important.
- We need to expand our work with road associations. Face to face has been most effective versus letters and notices.
- Need input from the committees to be included on the town website.
- Need to come up with visual items to key interest, such as buckets at the library.
- We need to continue the good working relationship between committees.

The major organizational tasks were solved in 2011. There should be more external emphasis in 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 23 February at 7:00 PM at the Charlotte Hobbs Library.