

LIPPC Minutes of 23 February Meeting

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

Attending were: Gene Spender, Tim Cyr, Bob Drew, Tom Hughes, Ann Williams, Marty Prox, Sue Hamlin, Wes Huntress (via Skype), Lucy LaCasse, and Lou Olmsted.

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted as amended.

Treasurers Report – No report

Old Business:

LIPPC Scope – Tom raised the question, “Do we want to expand the scope of our activities to take on invasive wetland plants? Land based invasive plants?” Another option could be expansion to consider all invasive species (plant or animal) in our water bodies. It was the consensus that we did not have time or people at the present time to expand our scope. We agreed to add the item to the 2nd page of our agenda for the time being.

Turn in Volunteer Time sheets – A reminder to get the time sheets to Diane Caracciolo as soon as possible.

Standing Committee Reports:

CBI – Marty reported CBI is currently soliciting for paid inspectors. Advertising in local papers will run for 1 or 2 weeks, depending on the response. Pay for 2012 will be a flat \$9.00 per hour.

Marty asked to use the same procedure as last year, using Gene as liaison between CBI and the committee. Marty will also work with Ed Poliquin and Diane in lining up and scheduling volunteer inspectors.

Communications and Liaison - Ann reported on a number of email alerts sent to the committee members over the past month on upcoming events of interest to LIPPC. Included were: The Fryeburg Rec. Ice Fishing tournament, The Milfoil Summit (LIPPC feedback was sent re their CBI training class), the 2012 Maine Water Conference, and the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program on the 23rd.

Education & Awareness – Lucy reported on the good meeting attended by Lucy and Ann on common goals for lake associations, discussing what has worked and what has not,

lake shore monitoring, and relationship to our planned Stewardship Program. Also discussed a common need for cards to be used in identifying local plants. These would be useful in our “Eyes on the Water” outings.

VLMP are lining up training classes/workshops for 2012. The members on hand were polled re attending IPP training if the course were offered locally. 12 people indicated they would sign up if there were no conflict on the date selected. We hope for a class in mid to late June.

Grants & Fund Raising – No Report

Local Rapid Response – In Diane’s absence Gene told us about the response received from John McPhedrin re the draft of our plan sent to him by Diane. In John’s memo he said ours would be the first local Rapid Response Plan to interface with DEP efforts. A great job.

Signs - Gene also spoke briefly on progress in reforming signage and coming up with a consistent approach. Tom is investigating cost.

Stewardship – Wes reported the top priority is recruiting Stewards for all our water bodies. We have 5 at present. We need a total of 12 to 15. Signs will be posted around town asking for volunteers and it was suggested we ask Ethel Hurst include something in her weekly column in the Bridgton paper. Ann will work with Wes on this. A meeting on the 29th will define the Steward’s role.

Volunteer Coordinator – No report.

Self Inspection Kiosk – No report.

New Business:

Status of Lovell 2012 Budget v. LDI – Bob Drew reported that as things now stand the town’s budget will be under the LDI (a suggested figure from the state aimed at minimizing impact on property taxpayers.)

Review of the 2nd page agenda attachment “Additional Information” – Tom led the discussion as to whether any of the topics listed should be brought forward or deleted. The “LIPPC documentation centralized and filed at the Town Hall” has been completed and will be removed from the list. All committees are encouraged to use the files that have been set up. As mentioned earlier, the issue of possible expansion of the scope of LIPPC activities will be added to the list. None of the remaining items will be brought

forward at present as it was felt committees are fully occupied with the present active agenda items.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for March 22 at the Charlotte Hobbs Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Olmsted, Secretary