

LIPPC Minutes of 10 March 2011

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

Attending were: Lucy LaCasse, Tom Hughes, Gene Spender, Ann Williams (SKYPE), Diane Caracciolo, Ed Poliquin, Bob Drew, Anna Römer, Ed Nista and Lou Olmsted.

Minutes of Last Meeting - Minutes of the last meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report – Ed Nista reported that all Warrant Articles pertaining to LIPPC were approved as requested. Included were the \$22,697 budget request and the straw vote concerning KLWA's construction of a boat wash station at the Narrows Launch site

Old Business –

Milfoil Summit – The Milfoil Summit has been rescheduled for 1 April at USM Lewiston. Four or five LIPPC members will attend. Tom asked that Gene pick up 5 CBI Tee shirts from Peter Lowell. Ann will pick up books and other materials for C&L committee.

Wash Station – Tom advised the grant application deadline extension requested by KLWA has been approved. Tom is working with Charlie Dattlebaum on preliminary estimates.

CBI Coordinator – Gene Spender reported 4 finalist candidates were interviewed by the team and recommended hiring Marty Prox as our new CBI Coordinator. Motion was made seconded and approved unanimously. Marty will attend our next meeting and will go to the Milfoil Summit 1 April.

Watershed Survey – Tom met with Pixie Williams who said she and a colleague could do the complete survey over the course of the summer. They are volunteers and would charge only expenses. Pixie has an impressive educational background and extensive experience. The committee asked for references from other organizations for which she has performed surveys. Tom has also emailed two other possible candidates to consider as potentially lower cost alternatives to our previous vendor. Will discuss further at the 24 March meeting.

Rapid Response - Meeting with John McPhedren is scheduled for our 24 March meeting at 6:30 PM. John has said he will also discuss any other subjects in which we are interested.

Volunteer Timesheets - Ed Poliquin requested that we estimate hours back to November 2010. Everyone was asked to update monthly.

Committee Reports

Communications & Liaison – Ann Williams reported liaison has been established with LEA & Cola as she described in our 24 February meeting.

2. Education Awareness –

Eleven people have signed up for Vital Signs the training session on Saturday 19 March from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Charlotte Hobbs Library. As previously explained this session is intended for a limited core group who will become future trainers.

Lucy showed the committee a booklet she has prepared for local distribution to help in identifying invasive aquatic plants. It was very impressive, incorporating laminated identification sheets from Vital Signs for each of the invasive plants now in Maine. Estimated cost per booklet, \$4.00. The committee voted unanimously to go ahead with the project.

3. Volunteer Coordinator – Ed Poliquin and Diane Caracciolo reported they have had little feedback from the letters and e-mails sent to road association chairmen. They will follow up by e-mail and telephone calls.

The committee reviewed the letter prepared to go to all businesses and organizations in town. Some suggestions were made. People wishing to volunteer will be asked to go to the Town Office or to the Town Web Site.

4. Stewardship Program – No report.

5. Grants and Fundraising – Work is underway on two grant requests outlined in our 24 February meeting.

New Business

Cushman Pond Update – Bob Drew approached Gerry Nelson regarding his acting as co-chairman for the Cushman Pond Project. Gerry agreed and expects to attend our next meeting.

Three Year Plan – Tom proposed the idea of a LIPPC three year strategic plan. It has been added to our List.

An interim chairman will be needed for April and May during Tom's absence. To be decided at the next meeting, Gene.

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. Next meeting scheduled for 24 March 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Lou Olmsted, Secretary