

LIPPC Minutes of 22 March Meeting

Diane Caracciolo opened the meeting at Charlotte Hobbs Library at 7:10 PM. Attending were: Diane Caracciolo Gene Spender, Tim Cyr, Ann Williams, Marty Prox, Ray Senecal (via telephone speaker), Lucy LaCasse, and Susan Hamlin.

The minutes of the February meeting were accepted.
Treasurers Report – Ed Nista sent a report that no funds had been expended. The budget requested from the town was approved at Town Meeting.

Old Business:

Report of the Milfoil Summit held 3/2/12. – The goal of 2012 is to encourage the boaters to self-inspect. Little new information was obtained.
Turn in Volunteer Time sheets – A reminder to get the time sheets to Diane Caracciolo as soon as possible.

Standing Committee Reports:

Boat Launch Access- Eddie Poliquin plans to convene a committee meeting and report back at the next meeting.

CBI – Marty reported he has CBI interviews coming soon. Three of the four former students are interested in returning with the fourth studying abroad this summer. There appears to be a strong applicant pool. Pay for 2012 will be a flat \$9.00 per hour. Friday hours will be extended to 8 PM. Inspectors will be capturing Wash Station data. Six fishing tournaments are scheduled. One in July, one in August, one in September and three in October.

Communications and Liaison - Gerry and Meg Nelson were honored at Town meeting with the town report dedicated to them for their work in spearheading the process of eradicating variable leaf milfoil from Cushman Pond.

Education & Awareness – Lucy reported the committee will meet 4-4 to set up the summer schedule.

Grants & Fund Raising – Ray and Gene are working on a ME DEP grant application. Multiple lake watersheds may apply for \$5,000 grants. Local Rapid Response – Diane reported that John McPhedran reviewed our plan in depth. They may use it as a model for other places in the future. A notebook will be prepared for each member of the Rapid Response Team. If a citizen turns in a plant, feedback should be provided to that person on the results of the plant identification.

Signs - Gene presented samples of signs with price quotes. He was authorized to have signs made, not to exceed the sign budget.

Stewardship – Ann reported that she, Tom and Wes had provided guidelines for the Stewardship Program for Ethel Hurst for her 3/8/12 column. There was a separate article re. Stewards published in local papers (in addition to Ethel's column), and there will be another closer to the time of Wes' arrival (June 15).

LIPPC Surveyors- Gene reported this is Level One Type Survey work and would require significant training. He will have more information on this after the roundtable meeting on 3/23/12.

Volunteer Coordinator – No report.

Self Inspection Kiosk – No report.

New Business:

Gene obtained a date of 6/21/12 for the VLMP IPP Training class for Oxford County to be held in Lovell. Class size is a minimum of 15 to a maximum of 60 people. Tentative time is 1 to 7 PM. More details will follow. A \$400 donation to VLMP is requested for the class.

Ann will follow up on a proposed fund raiser of stickers (for canoes, kayaks & bumper stickers) to show LIPPC support.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for April 26 at the Charlotte Hobbs Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Hamlin (filling in for Lou Olmsted)

