

LIPPC Minutes 03-24-11

Attending were: Tom Hughes, Gene Spender, Ed Poliquin, Diane Caracciola, Bob Drew, Ed Nista, Turf Ramsden, Ray Senecal (via SKYPE), Gerry Nelson, Marty Prox and Ann Williams

Absent were: Lucy LaCasse, Anna Romer, Tripp Turner and Lou Olmsted

1. Tom Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm
2. Gene Spender introduced Marty Prox, our newly-appointed Courtesy Boat Inspector. Marty lives in Denmark and is retired from United Airlines. He will attend LIPPC meetings as a committee member. Welcome, Marty!
2. Bob Drew introduced John McPhedran, from Maine DEP (Bureau of Land & Water Quality, Lakes Group). John spoke about:
 - Staff for Bur. Lands & Water Quality:
 - John McPhedran
 - Paul Gregory
 - Karen Hahnel
 - Dedicated funding for Invasive Species comes from boat sticker program, which generated \$690,000/year. (Cost for sticker: Resident-\$10.00; non-resident-\$20). Split 60% DEP and 40% IF&W.
 - Grants focus on Prevention of invasive aquatics. (LEA administers these)
 - Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI): up to \$2,000 ea.
 - Assistance with individual challenges (e.g. Lake Arrowhead in Waterboro is heavily used, shallow, and has a variable milfoil infestation. 50% of boats leaving the lake have plant fragments. DEP gave grant for work against milfoil (DASH—Diver Assisted Suction Harvester, benthic barriers etc.
 - Plant Management (about \$70,000)
 - Up to \$3,000 with 25% match [for approved plans]
 - An additional \$3,000 with 50% match
 - Federal Grants: for states with approved programs. Generate about \$25/30,000/year

Rapid Response Plan (from DEP website:

<http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/topic/invasives/invplan.htm>)

Cooperation of IF&W (fish and aquatic animals), DEP (aquatic plants). Both agencies work with Dept. of Conservation for Surface Use Restrictions.

Upon receiving a documented invasive plant specimen, the following go into effect:

- (Step 1): Species Confirmation: notification of stakeholders, e.g. landowners, and news media (One week goal)
- (Step 2): Delineation, Containment, and Preliminary Evaluation. Marking, determining if eradication is possible or not; if isolation is possible or appropriate; if surface use restriction is determined appropriate (DEP &

- IF&W must concur) (Two week goal or longer)
- (Step 3): Treatment Plan Selection and Design. Evaluation of treatment possibilities and impact, obtaining permits, public notification. (Three week goal).
- (Step 4): Treatment Plan Refinement and Implementation. Assembling needed materials, site preparation, removal and disposal of plants (Four week goal if possible).
- (Step 5): Monitoring and Evaluation. Ongoing until water body is free of target plant.

Tom Hughes asked: "Locally, what are our obligations?"

Answer:

- Level I:
 - Supply volunteers, either Vital Signs or VLMP trained, for 'Eyes on the Water',
 - CBI
 - Provide access to water,
 - Provide boats,
 - Survey,
 - Mark suspicious areas with floating buoys
- Level III Survey: an in-depth survey (goal is every year; realistically it is expensive, so every two years)

Look at 'Friends of the Cobbossee' website: <http://www.watershedfriends.com/>

John McPhedran left about 8:15 pm, and Tom called our regular meeting to order at 8:40 pm

1. Minutes from 3-10-11 were approved
2. Treasurer's Report: Ed Nista will check at Town Office before each meeting to find out where we stand. No expenses so far.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Milfoil Summit re-scheduled for Apr. 1. Must re-register.
 - b. Watershed Milfoil Survey: after answering questions which the committee had directed Tom Hughes to ask (Insurance? Customers? New finds?), Pixie Williams declined to survey for us. Tom and Ray Senecal spoke with FBEnvironmental (Portland), who will put together a proposal for the survey. Gene Spender will try to contact Don Cameron (recommended by Peter Lowell).
 - c. KLWA Wash Station update & next steps: (Tom Hughes) Grant proposal due next Wed. Charlie Dattelbaum is submitting it to Sally Mead Hands Foundation.
 - i. 3-23-11: Larry Fox, Jon Bliss and Tom Hughes tested the 1-acre town property near the Narrows Boat Launch for the possibility of making a 'well point' as a source of water for the wash station. Larry dug 10-12 ft. and found water.
 - ii. Power: will be underground to wash station and then to CBI

- shack.
 - iii. Leach field: depending on soil type, it will be an 18' X 36' rectangle with either crushed rock in a dug-out trench around it, OR the entire area will be dug out to a depth of (X) and filled with crushed rock.
 - iv. Selectmen voted their support of the project, which will be submitted with the proposal.
4. Committee Reports:
- a. Communication & Liason: Ed Nista took photos at tonight's meeting; we will write an article for local papers.
 - b. Education & Awareness: Sue Hamlin read Lucy LaCasse's report in her absence:
 - i. VitalSigns workshop conducted 3-19-11: 12 people attended plus Sarah Kurn & Sarah Morrissey (VitalSigns personnel). 6 hr. Training session very well received; we will make easy step-by-step instruction sheet for 'Eyes on the Water' reporting
 - ii. 'Eyes on the Water' booklet coming together; hoping to print by mid-April
 - iii. Acknowledgment of John McPhedran's help
 - iv. June 20 Library Program: request LIPPC members to be involved in reporting activities
 - v. Lucy has submitted article for *Land Lakes and Us* magazine, working on side-bar for Vital Signs, and dates for training
 - vi. Article for KLWA Newsletter, edited by Ann Williams
 - c. Volunteer Coordinator: Ed Poliquin
 - i. 5 committee members have not yet turned in time sheets. Important to do so, for grant applications
 - ii. Diane Caracciolo has made spread sheet of time sheets; will keep it up-to-date
 - iii. Disappointed in response from Road Associations—they will start telephoning. Two associations have signed up for weekends.
 - d. Stewardship Program: Nothing to report
 - e. Grants & Fund Raising: Ray is continuing to pursue two grant possibilities
 - f. Cushman Pond IAP Eradication: Gerry Nelson had left the meeting.
5. New Business
- a. Gene Spender was elected Chair *pro tem* for April and May.
 - b. Other? None
6. Next meeting: 7:00 pm Thursday April 14, 2011
7. Meeting adjourned: 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ann K. Williams, in Lou Olmsted's absence