

## **Minutes of LIPPC meeting 3-28-13**

Diane Caracciolo, Chair, called meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Members present: Marty Prox, Anna Romer, Tim Cyr, Lucy LaCasse, Tom Hughes, Sue Hamlin, Diane Caracciolo, Bob Drew, Ron Walsh, Gene Spender

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from February meeting were approved. November minutes were approved via email vote. It was decided that the Secretary who took the notes at the meeting would bring the final copy down to the Town Hall to store in the LIPPC folder.

**CBI and Milfoil Conference:** Marty attended and summarized:

- Peter Lowell of Lakes Environmental Association discussed grants for local groups such as LIPPC. Gene has filed for LIPPC. Milfoil stickers are helping to fund grants. Approximately \$170K has been spent on non-infested lakes through this program.
- Pickerel Pond, infested with hydrilla, has tried herbicide for over 9 years with no results. 3 other infested ponds are also trying herbicide with little success.
- There is a state legislative bill that would restrict activity on infested ponds/lakes.
- Of all the boat inspections in Maine about 2.5% were done on Kezar by CBI.
- Marty has started the interview process. This year the emphasis is on fewer students to maintain staffing when school starts in late August. 4-5 inspectors will be hired. 7 bass fishing tournaments are scheduled for Kezar this year.

**Treasurer's Report: No activity in March.** Diane brought a copy of the book 'Our Kezar' to pass around. For every book sold through the LIPPC site, 10% goes to LIPPC. (Must be through LIPPC site.)

**Communications and Liaison:** No report

**Cushman Pond IAP Eradication:** Nothing new on Cushman. Bob says that there will be divers at Cushman the first week of July.

**Education and Awareness,** Lucy reported that:

- Cards for identifying 25 common species will be ready before Memorial Day;
- The Gulf of Maine Institute will host an invasives network; LIPPC has been asked to be part of the keynote address;
- Met with manager of Camp Susan Curtis who has committed to be a steward on this pond;
- She has met with a Bridgeton hardware store who will build bucket scopes on request;
- Suggested a float for Old Home Days on July 20<sup>th</sup>, a flatbed truck will be required.

**Grants:** Gene has completed application for \$5,000. Decision will be by 4-29-13.

**Local Rapid Response:** No report

**Nominating committee:** Anna suggests that everyone submit at least one name before next meeting.

**Stewardship committee:** Tim reported that the committee had it's first meeting of the year in March. Wes has completed The Stewards handbook and asks everyone to review, edit and approve. The committee is printing posters and will distribute this spring. As last year, a social event for stewards will be scheduled. The committee is looking for ideas. VFW hall was one possibility.

**Volunteer Committee:** No report

**Watershed Survey:** Roberta or Scott will come to meeting in April or May to discuss.

### **Other Reports:**

**Invasive Plant Leadership Workshop.** Tom attended on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are now 80 teams in ME doing inspections. The Quick Key has been improved and updated. There will be an app for smartphones this summer to help with ID of invasives. The VLMP web site will be revised.

Next LIPPC meeting: 7PM Thursday, April 25th, 2013 at Hobbs Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.  
Respectfully submitted, Tim Cyr