

LIPPC Minutes of 29 November October 2010

Chairman Gerry Nelson opened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Attending were: Gerry Nelson, Tom Hughes, Gene Spender, Ed Poliquin, Ray Senecal, Susan Hamlin, Ann Williams, Bob Drew, Ralph Tedesco, Diane Caracciolo, Ed Nista, Turf Ramsden, Tripp Turner, and Lou Olmsted.

Matching Funds – Gerry distributed information and forms needed to collect information on volunteer activity and valuation of hours worked to support future funds requests.

This is important in that grantors may require demonstration of sincere effort by the organization to accomplish their goals using their own resources.

Organization chart – The present LIPPC organization chart was reviewed and suggestions for changes discussed. It was decided to add five new committees: Stewardship, Education, Volunteer Coordinator, Fund Raising, and Communications and Liaison.

Volunteers are needed to chair and to work on these new groups. Please let us know, as soon as possible, if you are interested in leading or participating in any of these areas.

CBI Program – Number one priority is finding a replacement for Katrina Soucy to carry on the fine work she has done. An ad hoc committee was formed for the purpose: Gene Spender, Ed Poliquin, and Tom Hughes.

Gerry Nelson has a completed draft of the job description which he will forward to Gene. He will also send the Policies and Procedures and forms developed to facilitate manpower scheduling and budget control in the CBI program.

Cushman Pond Milfoil Control Program – Gerry reported huge progress has been made. This is recognized by the state with the hope that we will in the near future reach the place where no plants are found by divers in three successive years indicating the threat to be eradicated. At present divers are turning up 3 to 5 plants annually.

This program has been run effectively by a group of dedicated volunteers employing professional divers at cost of about \$1000 per year. Approximately \$23,900 in dedicated funds are available for use on this project.

A discussion regarding the Cushman Pond Dam raised a number of problems that have arisen and measures that have been taken to correct them. Unable to keep trash racks & screens from clogging, racks are too heavy and cannot be cleared, water is bypassing due to loose fit of racks, etc. In spite of this the assessment was that the dam is working.

Voluntary Boat Inspection Stations – Gerry distributed a booklet explaining the kiosks that have been set up at Cushman Pond, Horseshoe Pond, Heald Pond, Bradley Pond, Farrington Pond and Kezar Lake (2) to encourage voluntary inspection by boaters at

locations and times when CBI personnel are not on duty. This program has aroused interest from several organizations around the state. We are looking forward to the first full season of use next summer.

Budget – Ed Nista volunteered to prepare LIPPC request for the budget committee. Ralph Tedesco and Gerry Nelson will help where needed. Several suggestions were made for potential items that should be considered in the request. Among these was a proposal for two or more inspections per year near the boat launches where the highest probability for introduction of invasive weeds occurs. Also monies for education and miscellaneous administrative expenses.

LIPPC Annual Town Report – Gerry agreed to prepare the annual report for inclusion in the Town Warrant.

LIPPC Committee re-organization – Sadly, Gerry Nelson advised the group he will be leaving the committee for health reasons. This will be a difficult job to fill due to the unique skills and knowledge he brings to the job. At the next meeting, the first order of business will be to select an interim chairman to serve until the annual meeting, date to be decided.

Other items for next meeting –

Ed Nista suggested better use of the Town website to communicate LIPPC program goals.

Gene suggested discussion of our role in working with the State on rapid response to discovery of invasive species in our water bodies.

Next meeting of the LIPPC is scheduled for December 13, 2010.

Additions –

Tom Hughes – Sometime during the meeting we discussed and agreed that all LIPPC program documentation (Steward Program, Adopt a Ramp, etc.) proposals, grants, contracts, meeting minutes will be consolidated and housed in the Lovell Town Office for public access. Bob Drew will make file space available.

Gene Spender - I (Gene) made a statement that at future meetings we should start to discuss some of the issues that have been presented to the selectmen from various people that have come to the Selectmen's Meetings and made suggestions. I believe each of these needs to be investigated by the LIPPC and a response be prepared and presented to the selectmen so (we) know the issue was evaluated and reviewed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Olmsted
Secretary

The following people volunteered to work on committees in response to the invitation in the minutes.

Ed Nista – Communications and Liaison Committee

Ann Williams – Education and Communications and Liaison Committees

Ray Senecal – Budget Committee