

LIPPC Minutes of 1 December 2016 Meeting

Diane opened the meeting at Charlotte Hobbs Library at 5:30 PM.

Attending were (incl. vol. hours): Diane Caracciolo 22, Marty Prox 3, , Gene Spender 3, Tim Cyr 4, Doug Faille 2, Dave Mills 9, Steve Lewis 2, Mike Maguire 2, Sue Hamlin 2, and Lou Olmsted

Vol. Hours of members not present: Anna Römer, Jay Hunter, Wes Huntress, Ed Poliquin Lisabeth and Steve Bender.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the October meeting will be sent for approval via email.

Treasurers Report: Dave Mills reported an additional \$185.00 in donations received in the past month. Expenses for the month were minimal but do not include costs associated with the Annual Appeal fundraising letter and the outstanding bill for the watershed survey.

Budgeting – expect to request approximately the same amount from the town as approved for 2016.

New Business:

Signs – Mike has been looking into “non-threatening” design ideas being used by other organizations that might be modified and adapted for use by LIPPC, such as those in use by NFCT (Northern Forest Canoe Trail). It was generally agreed this seemed a good approach and that the samples shown looked good. Mike also suggested possible approach to other organizations in the state to see if there was any interest on a coordinated approach to signage, possibly state wide.

All agreed we do not want to overload the ramps with signage.

It was voted that the goal should be to make a decision by our March meeting and to have new signs out for next season.

Standing Committee Reports:

Courtesy Boat Inspection – Marty Prox: No report.

Marketing and Fundraising – Jay Hunter: No report

Communication and Liaison – Steve Lewis: No report

Cushman Pond IAP Eradication - Doug Faille: Diane was told by selectmen that the Town of Lovell cannot fund Cushman dive activity (eg. materials , comp. for divers, etc.) until they are in compliance with OSHA. The Town would like to work with Cushman to determine what is needed to be compliant. They are considering having a consultant work with the Cushman team to resolve the issue and allow Town support for future efforts.

New England Milfoil made an independent 4 day survey of the pond and reported no milfoil found. They termed it a comprehensive inspection.

Doug Faille emphasized the need for continued underwater inspection to insure complete eradication.

Education & Awareness: Sue Hamlin: Currently working on goals for 2017. Looking at possible Antique Boat Show at the Lovell Historical Society during their annual Antique Fair. This would give better exposure to the Boat Show and provide another venue in which to deliver the LIPPC message.

The committee welcomes suggestions on how to get the word out. At some point a meeting is planned with outside attendees invited to find fresh ways to promote awareness.

Stewardship : Wes Huntress: No report.

New Members and Nominating: Ed Poliquin: No report.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26th 2017 at the Charlotte Hobbs Library.

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays,

Lou Olmsted, Secretary