

Minutes of LIPPC Meeting for September 24, 2015

Attendees: Jay Hunter (electronically)-2, Diane Caracciolo-10, Gene Spender-30, Marty Prox- 11, Dave Mills-10, Tom Hughes-2, Wes Huntress-12, Susan Hamlin-3, Ed Poliquin-7 (Monthly volunteer hours reported by members follow names.)

Secretary's report. Last month's minutes were reviewed. Approval to be done electronically after some additions.

Treasurer's report. Dave reviewed the budget. We have received \$300 in donations since the last meeting. \$600 was expensed on the Cushman Pond Eradication efforts since the last meeting.

New Business:

Discussion of possibility of glass bottom boat for LIPPC use.

Ed will look at VLMP's boat. Gene will get contact information for Maggie Shannon & LEA and provide to Eddie. He will also check with the Town on insurance. An additional idea was to make a boat. Jay will help Ed & Gene with this.

Secretary position. Open. Diane will look at Google drive vs. Dropbox for all Committee documents.

Standing Committee Reports:

CBI: 2508 Inspections to date with 1805 at the Narrows, 642 at the North End ramp & 61 elsewhere in the watershed. 34 Plants with 27 at the Narrows, 5 going in /22 coming out. 7 Plants at North End, 2 going in and 5 coming out. All non-invasive. Kiosk use: 9 at the Narrows, 4 North End, 9 Horseshoe, 2 Heald Pond, 1 Cushman, and 1 Farrington Pond. Boat wash use: 24 going in, 47 coming out. Volunteer CBI hours were 75, which were down from 2014. Will inspect through Oct 18, the day of the last tournament.

Marketing Committee: Jay reported that the web site is up to date. Jay will check with the Selectmen about asking for donations on the web site.

Cushman Pond. The last official dive of the season is 9/5. The report will be coming soon.

Education. Focus for 2016 discussed. Will buy 40 sets of flash cards from VLMP.

Grants. No update.

Stewardship. Wes reported the social at Hewanoaks was well attended. One steward resigned, but Wes recruited three more. 54 of 56 completed their patrols. Wes has one Steward kit left. Ralph Tedesco donated the food for the Steward socials. Ralph also donated the initial supply of Steward shirts.

LIPPC Surveyors. The group of seven has two activities left for the year.

VLMP Survey. The survey is done. No invasives were found. One new native plant was found in Horseshoe Pond at the launch area.

Volunteer Coordinator. Eddie reported visiting boat ramps in the area and found few had inspectors on duty. He is following up with LEA and others to increase awareness.

Everyone is requested to get all extra "EOTW" booklets and "Know Your Natives" Plant Cards to Susan Hamlin.

We need to have our budget request to the Town by 12/15/2015.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Next meeting will be on October 22 at 5:30 PM.

Submitted,
Susan Hamlin