



**CRC Board and General Meeting
02/06/2024
6 pm Board Meeting**

ATTENDANCE: Board Members: Michelle Pratt –President, Scott Snyder-Perusse-Vice President, Mike Orszulak -Treasurer, Corinne Pooler-Secretary, Deb Herath–Emeritus, Associate Board Members: Sharon Jones, Penni McEleney, Mary Ann Philo

Moment of Silence for Steve Schmidt a former CRC president. His family asked us to notify the membership of his passing. He was involved in CRC for years. Many might remember his hot dog boat on the lake. With the boat, he would graciously feed volunteers during cleanups. We are grateful for his contributions to CRC.

Approve meeting minutes- emailed to board members for review, approval & posting on web site.

Treasurer Report – Mike Orszulak

21,274.45 - Checking
5,793.95 - Savings
0 – PayPal
74,199- Investment
101,267.40- Total combined.

Membership Drive

Review returned letters

Fee? \$30/\$100/\$250

Review membership letter- reviewed and approved. Sending out early March.

Babb's entry for members- waiting on an update from Ginny if it will continue.

Babb's renovation- Plans are moving forward. Suffield is looking for volunteers to help. We have to move CRC belongings currently being stored there ASAP. Rent a storage unit? 5x10 \$89? Digitize or Donate (for historical purposes) /sell items.

Publicity plan- social media, Southwoods, and word of mouth- yes to southwoods & Westfield evening news. further discuss additional outreach including info on new weed.

Lake buoy update- Full stall. Michelle will connect with Mark.

Winter Party Update – Successful. Thank you, Sharon & Deb.
Thunderbirds game – Decent turnout. Possibly again this season.

Master Plan Update - finalized – QR code to view the plan.

First Meeting planned guests: Southwick Selectboard Chair, First Selectman Collin Moll, and Southwick Police Chief/Harbor Master Landis. (Chief Landis is retiring as of June 2024) We appreciate all he does for the town. And will miss working with him.

Dredging Plans- still a work in progress. More updates to come first meeting
LPP/Ch91- ConCom& LMC tallied total boats/docks on the lake. Suffield is still paying a small portion that was negotiated previously. Boats & docks still have to be registered by residents of Suffield with their town. Southwick residents responsible for payment & registration to the town of Southwick. Violations are enforceable. No info if any have been issued to date.
Beavers- lodge and dam- Scott working with LMC on a plan. Solitude successful removal of the last part of a Dam 2023. Dredging the canal will help. Community members along with Suffield DPW help clear some areas.

David Hanson Act- Boater safety course for operators Massachusetts. Awaiting more info
Hydrilla (new weed) found present in the lake. awaiting further info. More costly for treatment?
We currently pay for 1/3 of the lake treatments.

Wash stations- possible for boat ramps? extremely costly, maybe grant funding? Discuss further.

Boat Parade – Date 7/6, band/ Cost? Availability? - TBC, theme - Jimmy Buffet, no prizes

Cornhole again?

CPA for taxes? Sonny Drenan was mentioned at the October meeting. Deb will contact them.

Budget Meeting with Board. Before 1st meeting. Present info to the membership at first meeting in April. *Waders – Purchase for Volunteer use. \$ for CPA services.

****Attorney needed to finalize revised bylaws.** Continue the search for someone.

Ideas for topics – Lake Laws, Regulations and Etiquette, 1st Aid/CPR, Fish stocking, History of the canal, geese/beaver info, birds of Congamond (more eagles)

Fundraising/Fundraising ideas – photo contest, fishing derbies, kayak race, Thunderbirds game **Other ideas??**

2024 Meeting Schedule: 4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10, 10/8

Meeting Adjourned 8:20 p.m.

