

**Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.**  
Minutes of the Executive CRC/Babb's Board Meeting  
April 9, 2019

The CRC/Babb's Board Meeting of Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc., was called to order by President Deb Herath at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at The Launch Restaurant, Southwick, Massachusetts.

A quorum was established with the following Officers, Directors and members present:

Deb Herath	President
Linda Champagney	Substitute Secretary
Steve Schmidt	Director of Pond Ecology
Drew Seibert	Social Media
Sharon Jones	Hospitality Co-Chair
Sandie MacDowell	Hospitality Co-Chair
Beth Thomas	

Those absent:

Kevin Maloney	Vice President
James Ogletree	Secretary
Ann Gustafson	
Ron Greene	
Rob Tatro	
Steve Schmidt	Director of Pond Ecology
Ginny Graves	Babb's Project Treasurer
Rick Seaman	
Jerry Crane	President Emeritus

**New Business**

Deb called the meeting to order and went over the agenda. Then she went over the Budget.

Deb said that we will present the big check next month to Franklin Land Trust because the big check was missing.

Russ Fox, Southwick Selectman, Melissa Mack, Suffield Selectwoman were announced as Guest Speakers for our general meeting.

Linda Champagney was assigned to speak about the Savers Fundraiser.

We will be doing Light Up The Lake again and we'll tell everyone to save the date.

Russ Fox would speak on North Pond and Personal Watercraft.

Spring Canal Cleanup will be June 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, at 9 AM.

The Boat Regatta has been postponed.

Another cookie fundraiser was thought to be a good idea, but we decided to talk about it later in the season.

Boat Safety Presentation was presented as a possible topic for a future meeting. Steve Schmidt will check with an instructor.

Housekeeping as a Board was brought up. 4 Officers, 5<sup>th</sup> President Emeritus, and Committee Chairs:

Membership Committee

Technical Committee

Hospitality Committee

Events

Each Chairman to appoint members, then the Membership approves

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Champagney, Substitute Secretary

### **General Meeting**

Attendance: 31 plus the Board.

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Deb Herath, President.

The Board Members introduced themselves. New attendees were asked to raise their hands.

Deb went over the Agenda and the Proposed Operating Budget with a Change to #6 North Pond. North Pond is not part of #6. Steve Schmidt explained the Operating Budget. The Budget was passed unanimously.

Linda Champagney spoke on the Savers Collection scheduled for April 13, 2019.

CRC Lake Cleanup at the Canal was discussed. Volunteers were asked to sign up and should bring waders, hack saws, etc. Deb has the sign-up sheet. She will speak to Justin Ayotte about equipment. It is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

DPW from Southwick and Suffield to help with carting away what is removed from the canal.

The Boat Parade will take place on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Ron Greene is heading it up. Light Up the Lakes is also that night at dusk. Ron needs volunteers.

Speakers were introduced. Melissa Mack, Suffield's 1<sup>st</sup> Selectwoman said that Babb's is free entry to Suffield residents and CRC members. Planned events: May 30<sup>th</sup> flag pole dedication. June 29 at the beach will be a boat-in movie: Muana. On a Saturday in July, a boat-in showing of Jaws on the inflatable movie screen. Power is coming to the beach. Horseshoe pits were being removed. Water line is coming into Babb's. Stair installation is scheduled for this spring. The septic system goes in next year. Parks & Rec's Peter LeClerc is setting up backyard games. To make special arrangements to use Babb's, call Parks & Rec.

Russ Fox, Vice Chairman, 1. North Pond: The money has been raised for the North Pond property to be purchased. Closing is May 30<sup>th</sup>. State needs an appraisal 21E, the property should transfer to Southwick at the end of May.

2. Fish & Game: Hunting and fishing is allowed, the property will be kept in a natural state.
3. Waterline easement underground, potential future well.
4. Local Bylaw: NO PERSONAL WATERCRAFT ALLOWED ON NORTH POND.
5. The Berkshire Avenue Boat Launch has been completed.
6. Alum Treatment: \$600,000 MA bond issue passed. LMC and Eric Mueller are doing a great job.
7. Block grants: Roads around the lakes (grants) successful.
8. Transfer of liquor license for the Cove.
9. Storm Water Management: Catch Basins - \$1 million should keep nutrients out of the lake.

He said CRC did a fantastic job. 1980's spearheaded by Jack Scully.

A sign would be posted to inform personal watercraft that they are not allowed on North Pond. The Harbor Master will make sure people are aware. 1<sup>st</sup> time caught: warning. 2<sup>nd</sup> time, ticket.

He spoke about the local permitting of the docks and said if we don't do it locally, the State will get the funds instead of the Town and we get no benefit. The money goes toward eliminating invasives and toward lake patrols.

Michelle Pratt is selling We Saved North Pond t-shirts for \$15 to cover legal fees from the North Pond property sale.

Bob Jenrett wants to resurrect communication among people on the west side of Middle Pond.

Steve Schmidt recommended people take the Safe Boating course, 5:30-8:30 pm, 12 hours, plus a test to receive your safe boating certificate. This is necessary for 12-16 year-olds to operate a boat without an adult. Sign up at [southwickma.org](http://southwickma.org). Free.

Our next meeting is May 14, 2019.

As there was no more new business, the Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Champagney  
Substitute Secretary