

**Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.**  
Minutes of the Executive CRC/Babb's Board Meeting  
August 13, 2019

The CRC/Babb's Board Meeting of Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc., was called to order by President Deb Herath at 6:06 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at the Southwick Inn in Southwick, Massachusetts.

A quorum was established with the following Board Officers, Associate Board Members, and General Members present:

Deb Herath	Board Officer, President
Penni McEleney	Board Officer, Treasurer
James Ogletree	Board Officer, Secretary
Jerry Crane	Associate Board Member, President Emeritus
Sharon Jones	Associate Board Member, Hospitality Co-Chair
Sandra MacDowell	Associate Board Member, Hospitality Co-Chair
Drew Seibert	Associate Board Member, Social Media
Ron Greene	Associate Board Member, 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Committee
Ginny Graves	Associate Board Member, Babb's Project Treasurer
Linda Champagne	Associate Board Member
Beth Thomas	Associate Board Member

Those Board Officers and Associate Board Members absent:

Kevin Maloney	Board Officer, Vice President
Steve Schmid	Associate Board Member, DOPE (Director of Pond Ecology)
Janeene Crane	Associate Board Member

**New Business**

Deb called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Penni gave the Treasurer's report. Checking has \$14,759.04 (includes \$10,000 donation from the Babbs family). Savings has \$1,778.25. Commonwealth Financial has \$35,374.19. Jerry motioned to accept Treasurer's report. There was a second. The Board voted and the motion passed.

Ginny discussed what the \$10,000 donation from Claudia Babb is for. Claudia Babb sent it to the CRC's updated PO Box. Ginny shared with Claudia what the CRC does and upcoming projects in support of CRC, and how those correlate to Babbs. Claudia offered potential support for next year, but does not want us to give the money to the Town and she wants the donation to be used for a play-scape at Babbs. She does not support putting the money in a general fund for undesignated use by the Town. If the money is used for the play-scape, the Babbs account will ultimately be closed due to spending all of the money. The Babbs savings account has \$37,995.46. The Babbs checking account has \$86.95. Play-scapes can range from \$20,000 to \$100,000 depending on size. Jerry motioned to transfer the \$10,000

donation from the CRC checking account into the Babbs savings account. There was a second. The Board voted and the motion passed.

Ron and Jerry gave an update on the Regatta. They met with Suffield and enthusiasm is very high. But there are still a lot of open items to close to keep on track and be able to hold the event this year. It will be difficult to hold this year, but can absolutely happen next year with proper advanced planning – the Town is on board completely for holding the event next year. The CRC needs to execute on planning and logistics, and the Town will support advertising and marketing. The Regatta needs to be about the CRC and the Town of Suffield and the Town will ultimately get a cut of the funds raised. The idea was raised to hold the event next year around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, as long as it doesn't take away from the celebration of Southwick's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (to include the Boat Parade). The event will need to represent Southwick's 250<sup>th</sup>. Main concerns to hold the event next year instead of this year were around safety and being adequately prepared to ensure a safe event. We would like to start soliciting volunteers to join planning committees to start preparing.

Beth gave an update on the cookie sales fundraiser. Sales forms to be handed out this meeting, collected at September meeting, and cookies delivered at October meeting. If we can sell \$1,000 worth of cookies, we get free shipping (around \$200 savings).

Deb suggested doing a door-to-door membership / fundraising drive next year.

Ginny shared about the Babbs boat / drive-in movie night at Babbs Beach this Friday. The movie to be shown will be Jaws. CRC members and Suffield residents are free, \$20 for everyone else.

Ron gave a preview of his presentation on Congamond marine engines and history.

Sandra shared an update on the Holiday party. Will be at St. Anne's again this year with Cold Shot as the band.

Jerry discussed Ron's work on getting reusable signs created for the boat parade this year and asked if we can allocate \$130 to pay him back. It was mentioned that he did not get permission to spend money in support of CRC, and should not be expected to be paid after the fact without asking for Board approval first. Jerry motioned to pay Ron \$130 from CRC funds. 1 voted in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstained. The motion did not pass. It was recommended to reconsider at the next Board meeting.

Deb asked if there was any further business. Deb motioned to adjourn. James seconded the motion. The Board voted and the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by James Ogletree, Board Officer, Secretary

**Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.**  
Minutes of the General CRC Meeting  
August 13, 2019

The CRC General Meeting of Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc., was called to order by President Deb Herath at 7:09 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at the Southwick Inn in Southwick, Massachusetts.

A quorum was established with 36 members present, including the Board.

**New Business**

Deb called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

The Board members introduced themselves to the membership.

Penni gave the Treasurer's report. Checking has \$4,759.04. Savings has \$1,778.25. Commonwealth Financial has \$35,374.19.

Ron gave an update on the Regatta event. Ron and Jerry met with the Town of Suffield and discussed the rules, regulations, and safety required to put on the event. The Town is very excited to help put on the event next September 2020 before the Big E and after Labor Day. It's going to be a very big, exciting event next year!

Beth gave an update on the cookie sales fundraiser.

Ginny shared about the Babbs boat / drive-in movie night at Babbs Beach this Friday. The movie to be shown will be Jaws. CRC members and Suffield residents are free, \$20 for everyone else.

Deb introduced Ron, who gave a presentation on Congamond marine engines and history.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by James Ogletree, Board Officer, Secretary