

**Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.**  
Minutes of the Executive CRC/Babb's Board Meeting  
May 14, 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, May 14, 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
Kevin Maloney	Board Officer, Vice President
Penni McElaney	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
Beth Thomas	Associate Board Member
Linda Champagne	Associate Board Member

Those Board Officers and Associate Board Members absent:

Ginny Graves	Associate Board Member, Babb's Project Treasurer
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 \$11,342.92 (does not include outstanding check to Franklin Land Trust for Save North Pond). Savings has \$1,778.02. Commonwealth Financial has \$34,925.70. The total balance is \$48,046.64. Save North Pond contributions was \$4,550.00 and CRC matching contributions is \$4,550.00. Less expenses (photo copies and attorney fees) leaves \$7,329.00 for payment to Franklin Land Trust for Save North Pond out of Checking. Membership received was \$6,571.86 and expenses were \$869.61, leaving \$5,702.25. Jerry motioned to accept Treasurer's report. There was a second. The Board voted and the motion passed.

Drew gave an update on the mailing issues and returned envelopes from the membership drive. If "Current Resident" is listed and there's a mail forward or it's mailed to a P.O. Box, the Post Office will return to sender and about 100 were returned to sender.

Linda gave an update on Savers Fundraiser for North Pond. CRC donated 1,481 pounds of clothing and earned \$329 for the donation. It was recommended to focus only on clothing for next year's fundraiser.

Deb discussed the Spring Canal Cleanup scheduled for Saturday, June 8 at 9 a.m. We will meet at the Southwick Gazebo. The canal badly needs cleanup. Deb reminded folks to bring waders if you have them. Suffield and Southwick DPW will help carry trash away.

Jerry discussed the July 6 Light Up the Lake. There will be a sign-up sheet at the General meeting.

Deb discussed the Babbs Restoration Project flag pole dedication at Babbs on May 31 at 12:30 p.m. There is a rain date of June 7.

Ron will discuss boat parade at the General meeting.

Deb discussed presenting the CRC donation check to Franklin Land Trust at the General meeting, and Linda will present the Savers Fundraiser donations as well.

Deb went over today's speakers at the General meeting – Crop Walk's Clayton Siegel, Jim Putnam on Southwick's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and maybe Matt Joyal on Suffield's 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Ron discussed his Congamond Lakes window stickers fundraiser for CRC. \$1 per sale is being donated to CRC and Ron presented the first \$20 to the Treasurer. Ron also discussed an idea to get young people enthusiastic about CRC and the lake to get more involved. Once a month at CRC meetings in June, July, August, and September he wants to host "Wheels & Waves" before CRC meetings where folks can bring cars, boats, bikes, kayaks, etc. as a showcase. The Southwick Inn is already 99% onboard and is considering having burgers, hot dogs, etc. to serve. The goal is to have folks bring their vehicles, hear about the CRC, and then possibly attend the CRC meeting. There was ample discussion about the pros and cons of this type of event. It was recommended to stay on the lake and reconsider the regatta. Ron discussed that Suffield requires ambulances and police patrol, possibly at the expense of the CRC, but they're considering options. They're supportive but the major concern is liability coverage and that they have not had interest in this type of event before. Deb suggested we use Babbs funds to support the cost of the event since it's associated with Babbs Beach. Ron is going to investigate further with the support of the Board.

Sharon discussed if we should find a different location for meetings. The preference is to stay in one location that can support the number of attendees and it was recommended to stay at the Southwick Inn if they'll have us at future meetings.

Penni asked where the money came from to support a party at Norah's to celebrate the Save North Pond victory, if it came from the CRC's budget. Deb confirmed that the money came from Franklin Land Trust and not from CRC donations.

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 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by James Ogletree, Board Officer, Secretary

**Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.**  
Minutes of the General CRC Meeting  
May 14, 2019

The CRC General Meeting of Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc., was called to order by President Deb Herath at 7:06 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at the Southwick Inn in Southwick, Massachusetts.

A quorum was established with 50 members present, including the Board.

**New Business**

Deb called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

The Board members introduced themselves to the membership.

Penni McEleney gave the Treasurer's report. Checking has \$11,342.92 (does not include outstanding check to Franklin Land Trust for Save North Pond). Savings has \$1,778.02. Commonwealth Financial has \$34,925.70. The total balance is \$48,046.64. Deb discussed what CRC funds are used for, to include testing and treatments.

Linda Champagne gave an update on Savers Fundraiser for Save North Pond. CRC earned \$329 which will be given to the Franklin Land Trust.

Deb discussed the Spring Canal Cleanup scheduled for Saturday, June 8 at 9 a.m. We will meet at the Southwick Gazebo. The canal badly needs cleanup. Deb reminded folks to bring waders if you have them.

Ron Greene discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade and the need for volunteers. Ron introduced Andrea Scully as the founder of the North Lake Association which led to the town's lake management committee. Ron discussed the history of Congamond Good Times. The parade will be held on July 6. Ron requested volunteers to sign up and support the parade.

Ron discussed the sailing regatta idea and that the CRC has agreed to look into funding options as it relates to the Babbs budget.

Ron discussed his Congamond Lakes stickers fundraiser, which were benchmarked from Lake George. \$1 per sale will be donated to the CRC.

Janeene Crane discussed the July 6 Light Up the Lake event and the need for volunteers to hand out flyers on streets around the lake.

Deb discussed the Babbs Restoration Project flag pole dedication at Babbs on May 31 at 12:30 p.m. The CRC was able to secure Babbs as an official historic place.

Deb presented the CRC's donation of \$9,100 to the Franklin Land Trust to Save(d) North Pond. Linda presented the CRC's Savers donation of \$329 to the Franklin Land Trust. Michelle Pratt presented the

“Saved North Pond” t-shirts, all proceeds go to the Save North Pond effort because the shirts were donated free of charge.

Deb discussed upcoming meeting speakers.

Deb introduced Clayton Siegel who discussed the 47<sup>th</sup> annual Crop Walk.

Deb introduced Jim Putnam who discussed the Southwick 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. November 7, 1770 was the birthday of Southwick. There is a committee working on planning and logistics, to include Deb from the CRC. They are holding monthly meetings with about 25 members. The CRC has agreed to sponsor a banner and Jim requests to partner with the CRC on the 2020 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade.

Deb introduced Matt Joyal who discussed the Suffield 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. Anniversary parade is the same day as the Southwick anniversary parade – support both! Requests the CRC to sponsor a car show in support of the anniversary – Kevin Maloney agreed to do it.

A member requested support to setup a raffle in support of raising money for the CRC. 3 members are needed for signature and 3 members committed to support. More details will be shared at the next General meeting.

Jerry Crane encouraged members to spread the word about the CRC and to volunteer in their community.

Deb asked if there was any further business. Deb motioned to adjourn. There was a second. The Members voted and the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by James Ogletree, Board Officer, Secretary