



**CRC MEETING MINUTES  
6-13-22 BOARD MEETING - BRASS RAIL & ZOOM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Michelle Pratt –President, Scott Snyder-Perusse-Vice President, Mike Orszulak -Treasurer, MaryAnn Philo-Secretary, Deb Herath–Emeritus, Sharon Jones-Hospitality, Ginny Graves

**Absent:** Jerry Crane-Emeritus, Linda Champagney, Kevin Maloney, Penni McEleney  
Beth Thomas

**DISCUSSION:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm

Michelle announced that Harbormaster Chief Robert Landis will be the guest speaker at the General Meeting.

The minutes from the 5-12 Board and General Meeting and 6-7 Special Board Meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

Mike reviewed the Treasurers Report. There is \$15,176.12 in the checking account, \$16,788.89 in the savings account and \$43,273.05 in the investment account. The checking account total includes membership drive total to date of \$8872.00.

Deb did a Lake Management Committee (LMC) update. The lake weed treatment was completed in June, and this year there were very low counts of weeds in the lake. Residents are encouraged to bring samples of questionable weeds to LMC for identification. Canal Brook and Great Brook are in phase 1 for getting approval to be funded by the National Resources Conservation Service for dredging. LMC is also seeking funding from the State of Massachusetts for funding to dredge shallow coves on the lake. The Southwick Select Board agrees the dredging needs to be done, and funding approval will be a slow process. The Southwick Police Department in conjunction with LMC is proceeding with a prototype plan to get lights on the buoys which will make nighttime navigation on the lakes safer.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CRC Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> at Edgewood Golf Course. Michelle has compiled a financial spreadsheet for the 2021 tournament which can be reviewed if anyone is interested. The entry fee for this year's tournament will be \$100.00 and the committee will

be seeking donations from local businesses. A DJ has committed to a reduced cost and will entertain at the Brass Rail following the tournament. This year volunteers will be utilized for this event, since Michelle knows what needs to be done.

The 4th of July boat parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> with the rain date Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm. CRC needs 3 volunteers to direct parking at Babb's, and Kevin has volunteered to help. Mike will contact the Boat Parade volunteers to get help for Kevin.

CRC is considering having a concert in the future at Babb's beach with local bands. More information will be available as the event gets organized.

There is a lot of trash on the North Pond Property that needs to be removed, which should be a joint effort with the town and volunteers. This conservation land needs to be patrolled more to make sure people are being respectful of the property. Michelle will contact the Conservation Commission and LMC to see about getting a porta potty on the property.

The town of Suffield is applying for a grant to update the Babb's property. CRC has a separate fund for the Babb's beach playground which the town is aware of and will incorporate into the plan.

Deb has agreed organize the volunteers and Committee Chairs. She will send out information to the board and report back at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05

## **6-13-22 GENERAL MEETING BRASS RAIL & ZOOM**

### **DISCUSSION:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm

Michelle introduced and welcomed guest speaker Harbormaster Chief Robert Landis. Chief Landis discussed the high volume of boats on Congamond Lake and the increased patrols. The Sheriffs Boat along with the Southwick Police Patrol Boat will be on the lake this season with rotating day and evening shifts. If anyone sees any dangerous activity on the lake Chief Landis would like residents to call 911. If there is unacceptable activity which is not considered dangerous, please notify the police by calling the general number 413-569-5348.

The owner of the property at 141 Congamond Road has applied to the State of Massachusetts to add a marina on South Pond for 20 boats. Chief Landis said the State of Massachusetts doesn't adhere to the data that reports maximum number of boats for safe boating per boatable acre of water. The marina application also includes a transient dock for boaters to use to access the restaurant, which won't increase the number of boats on the lake. This dock will be located closest to the tunnel and both docks will be 150' from the shore, increasing the no wake zone in that area.

The North Pond Property has a lot of trash that needs to be removed. The Southwick Police will be patrolling the area more, and Chief Landis is having discussions with the Select Board, LMC and the Conservation Commission as to the proper ways to get the property under control.

Mike reviewed the Treasurers Report. Refer to the Board Meeting minutes for information. Please sign up for Amazon Smile to contribute to CRC and if you already have, check to make sure it is still valid, since Amazon may have done updates.

Deb did a Lake Management overview. Refer to the Board Meeting Minutes for information.

The Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> and will be held at Edgewood Golf Course. Registration information is posted on the website: [Congamond.org](http://Congamond.org). Refer to the Board Meeting Minutes for details.

The 4th of July boat parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> with the rain date Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm, and will have a patriotic theme. There will be a concert at Babb's Beach performed by the band Water Rats beginning at 3pm. This will be a float up concert for boats and may be attended by parking at Babb's. Parking will close when the lot is full, so carpooling is recommended.

CRC is looking for volunteers to join committees and to help organize and plan events. Anyone interested should contact Michelle or Deb.

Michelle showed the South Pond Marina enactment demonstration video that CRC did marking the proposed 150' dock length and the extended no wake zone. The boats entering and exiting the neighboring tunnel tried to demonstrate possible boat traffic in the area with the additional docks. This is available for review on the CRC website.

CRC meetings will remain both in person and ZOOM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Brass Rail; ZOOM link available at [Congamond.org](http://Congamond.org)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm