



**CRC MEETING MINUTES
8-10-21 BOARD MEETING - BRASS RAIL & ZOOM**

ATTENDANCE: Michelle Pratt –President, Scott Snyder-Perusse-Vice President, Kevin Maloney-Treasurer, MaryAnn Philo-Secretary, Deb Herath–Emeritus, Jerry Crane-Emeritus, Sharon Jones-Hospitality, Sandy McDowell-Hospitality, Ginny Graves

Absent: Linda Champagney, Rick Seaman, Beth Thomas

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MEETING DATES: September 14, October 12

DISCUSSION:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm

Michelle announced that Bob Wichrowski passed away due to health issues.

The July meeting minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

Kevin gave the treasurers report. There is \$2763.83 in checking, \$16,784.70 in savings and \$46,932.10 in the investment account. The cost to CRC for the weed treatment is \$3158.33 which has been paid.

Police Chief and Harbormaster Robert Landis sent an email update. There have been 143 boat and watercraft violations issued since June 1st. Police Patrols are continuing to frequent the North Pond property especially on weekends. There are new signs on the boat ramps to remind boaters that the rotation on the lake is counterclockwise. The light from Legends Restaurant has been altered so it is not as blinding to boaters at night. Police Officers are randomly doing boat registration and safety checks at the boat ramps. There has been more police presence on the lake by both the Southwick Police and the Sheriff Boat. Many officers are in training, learning how to drive the boat as well as lake rules.

The buoy lights have been selected, and Harbormaster Landis is working with the Sheriff's Department to assure that they are coastguard approved. Hampton County inmates are going to make protective cages to go over the lights. The cost of the lights and cages for each buoy is \$400.00. Chief Landis will purchase the first set as a trial, and then CRC will need approve funding and set priorities for any future lights on buoys. The priority will be the buoys on the navigational channel in middle pond near the sand bar. The board voted unanimously to purchase the lights and cages for the middle pond channel.

CRC is planning on getting new meeting announcement signs. Jerry suggested the location of the meeting be removable so it can be altered if the meeting place changes.

Deb and Penni met with a tax accountant in Granby, CT and he agreed to do the CRC taxes. Deb will follow up with him.

Michelle will get Eric Mueller a gift card for his presentation.

CRC wants to get the Massachusetts State Conservation Restriction on the North Pond property altered to allow for a porta potty. CRC is going to work with the Lake Management Committee, the Harbormaster, the Conservation Committee and possibly the Board of Health to petition the state. More information will follow at future meetings as to what actions need to be taken.

The CRC golf tournament is scheduled for September 25th. The registration forms went out this month with the meeting announcement and registration is set up on the website. No one has signed up yet, but as social media gets the information out, people will sign up. Companies need to sign up for sponsorship and raffle prizes.

The Southwick and Suffield anniversary parade dates are set, and CRC will have a boat in both parades, provided by Kurt Saunders. Ginny will check to see if Suffield has an anniversary flag that we could put on the boat. Deb has a Southwick banner that we may be able to use.

Elections for President, Vice President and Treasurer will take place at the October meeting. Anyone interested in running should notify Michelle.

Sharon and Sandy gave the Christmas Party update. The only facility available for the first weekend in December is the Brass Rail. The tickets will cost \$32.00 without a band. Jen can get Acoustic Thunder band which would cost about \$600 to \$800. Since there was no party last year, CRC board voted to keep the cost of the tickets to \$35.00 and use CRC funds to supplement if needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm

**8-10-21 GENERAL MEETING
BRASS RAIL & ZOOM**

DISCUSSION:

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm

The Southwick Inn is now closed on Tuesday evenings so CRC would like to thank Jen Nolasco for opening the Brass Rail on short notice for our meeting.

Sadly, a CRC member and lifelong lake resident, Bob Wichrowski passed away. Thank you to his family

for memorial contributions donated to CRC. There was a moment of silence in his honor.

Kevin Maloney gave the treasurers report. Refer to the board minutes for details. If anyone is interested in the Treasurer position, please notify Michelle.

Police Chief and Harbormaster Bob Landis is an advocate for the lake and lake safety. He sent an informational email to keep CRC up to date with lake happenings. Details of his email can be found in the board meeting minutes.

CRC wants to get the Massachusetts State Conservation Restriction on the North Pond property altered to allow for a porta potty. There can be no structures on the property, so special permission is needed to do this. Refer to the board minutes for information.

CRC is sponsoring a memorial golf tournament at Edgewood Golf Course on September 25, with dinner to follow at Brass Rail. It will be a shot gun start, with many available prizes, and the registration form is available on Congamond.org website. Golfers, Volunteers, and dinner reservations can be made on the website. Sponsors and volunteers are needed. Contact Michelle if interested.

CRC is planning to have a decorated boat in the Suffield 350 Anniversary parade on October 9th and the Southwick 250 Anniversary Parade on October 16th. The boat will be provided by Kurt Saunders and volunteers are needed.

CRC Elections will take place at the October meeting. Anyone interested in running for President, Vice President or Treasurer should contact Michelle.

CRC's annual Christmas Party will take place at the Brass Rail on December 3rd. Tickets will be approximately \$35.00/person for dinner and dancing. More information will be upcoming. Refer to board minutes for details.

Anyone with suggestions for presentations at the next meeting, please contact Michelle.

There was an informative and enjoyable video presentation shown: Ice Harvesting on Congamond

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm