

Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.
Minutes of the Executive CRC/Babb's Board Meeting
June 13, 2017

The CRC/Babb's Board Meeting of Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc., was called to order by President Deb Herath at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at Crabby Joe's Restaurant, Southwick, Massachusetts.

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

Deb Herath	President
Kevin Maloney	Vice President
Ann Gustafson	Treasurer
Linda Champagney	Secretary
Sandie MacDowell	Hospitality Co-Chair
Sharon Jones	Hospitality Co-Chair
Jerry Crane	President Emeritus
Ginny Graves	Babb's Project Treasurer
Janeene Crane	
Steve Schmidt	Director of Pond Ecology
Drew Seibert	Social Media

Those absent:

Rick Seaman	
Rob Tatro	
Christine Ayotte	CLEPO
Shannon Watso	CLEPO
Matt Joyal	
Lynn Joyal	

New Business

Ann Gustafson reported that the CRC checking account had a balance of \$11,316.16, the savings account had a balance of \$1,776.32 and the Investment account had a balance of \$24,841.73.

Ginny Graves reported that the Babb's checking account has \$665.32 and the Savings account has \$38,331.94. There was a suggestion to give the Babb's money to CRC, but it was donated to and will be used for Babb's.

Deb Herath reported that the Town vote on the money for North Pond from the Town of Southwick passed.

The jet ski issue on North Pond was discussed. The question is whether the lake is to be considered one body of water, and if so, jet skis would be allowed; or as 3 bodies of water, in which case jet skis would not be allowed on North Pond because it isn't large enough. We are reporting to MA Environmental Protection Agency as though we are 3 bodies of water, so we shouldn't be considered one body of water

for other issues, such as jet skis. LMC went into action to keep jet skis off North Pond, looking for a legal entity. May have to ask State Attorney General's office . A particular property owner wants jet skis on north pond and pushed it up the chain. We could pass a town by-law. We would like everyone to contact their Board of Selectmen on this issue. We'd like to see the Chief enforce the restriction. It was also suggested that the Harbormaster be separate from the Chief of Police in an effort to make the Harbormaster more effective. Saunders Package Store has a petition you can sign. Kevin Maloney asked if we shouldn't start the Plan B (By-law) now? Eric Mueller said we don't want to muddy the waters, so hold off on contacting your state representatives. Dick Grannells and Eric Mueller are really pushing this issue.

The June 24th Horseshow Tournament was discussed.

Ron Greene said he was taking the Little Boat to bike nights on Fridays.

After some discussion regarding the timing of it, due to a drowning last month, Steve Schmidt would pass out an article on what drowning looks like to the general membership.

Drew Seibert was introduced as our new Social Media person. Welcome Drew!

Jerry Crane reported on the Boat Parade, with it being dedicated to members of the military past and present who had passed away. Boats gather at Babb's at 5:00, short ceremony at 6:00, parade commences.

Linda Champagney reported on the Savers Collection Fundraiser results.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Champagney, Secretary

General Meeting

Attendance: 30+ plus the Board.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Deb Herath, President, who had the Board introduce themselves, including our new Board Member: Drew Seibert, Social Media.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

North Pond Town Vote went to contribute to North Pond property acquisition. CRC donated \$3,000, another member pledged to donate \$1,000.

Jet Ski on North Pond issue was discussed.

Eric Mueller did a presentation on the condition of the lake. The amount of invasive weeds is decreasing every year. The lowest # of acres yet was treated this year. Inspections at the Boat Ramps are good. Twice a month depth profiling, water chemistry surface & bottom, lab results water quality & issues. 2 years ago there was an early algae bloom treated. Last year saw the precursor to bloom, the day they treated it, it bloomed. Management is the key to timely treatments. He mentioned that our lakes are 14,000 years old, so we have 14,000 years of oak leaves at the bottom of the lake, giving off phosphorous. We need an alum treatment, which will keep the lakes clear for a good 20 years. But it's expensive and although applications have been made for grants, so far we haven't received one. We're

trying again and should know in 4-5 months. Another grant would be for canal restoration to control the lake level. Hydrosuction would get rid of the muck and there is sand below it. The beavers are back but not as bad as they were. We plan to dig down 9 feet so the beavers will go away. The water quality is a little worse than it was last year. We had a lower level last year due to vandals opening the weir gates.

Our second speaker was Mr. Leo Smith of Dark Skies. He was saying that 2 lights are all you need on your dock, which you can get a Loew's for \$35. Overlighting/lack of shielding wrecks tranquility and may affect the fish, in particular how they secrete their hormones, hide or don't hide to protect them from predators. You could use a timer or a motion activated light. Congamond is special and maybe we need light trespass restrictions. He would help with restrictive language drafting. In the case of residential light shielding, he recommends a downlight. Small lights of the wrong type creates a big disruption to tranquility. LED lights are good.

The Town of Suffield will hold an Open House at Babb's on July 12th from 3:00-6:30.

Todd Michael continues his Paddle Faster Bluegrass at the Cove. July 16: Cornfed Dogs, July 23: The Podunk Throwbacks, July 30: Stacy Phillips and His Bluegrass Characters, August 6: Cabin Creek, August 20: Man About a Horse. Music starts at 3:30. He is also doing a Bluegrass Festival at Babb's August 19th from 3:30-6:30 or 7:00. If you want to be a vendor see website: music.com. Tickets are \$25 ahead, \$35 at the gate. There are 5 bands. Coolers are allowed. Officially no alcohol is allowed on Town property.

Little Boat raffle was discussed. Ron gave an update.

Linda Champagney reported on the Savers fundraiser.

Jerry Crane motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kevin Maloney seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Champagney
Secretary