

Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.

Minutes of the Open Membership Meeting

June 14, 2016

The Open Membership Meeting of Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc. was called to order by President Deb Herath at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, at Crabby Joe's Restaurant, 141 Congamond Road, Southwick, Massachusetts.

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

Deb Herath	President
Ann Gustafson	Treasurer
Rick Seaman	Acting Secretary
Jerry Crane	President Emeritus
Steve Schmid	Technical Advisor
Sharon Jones	Hospitality Co-Chair
Sandie MacDowell	Hospitality Co-Chair
Linda Champagney	
Ginny Graves	Babb's Treasurer
Christine Pepka	CLEPO

Those absent:

Kevin Maloney	Vice-President
Rob Tatro	Secretary

Others present: approximately 24 other members and guests.

New Business

Treasurer Ann Gustafson reported that there is now \$6,460.21 in the checking account, \$3,775.02 in savings, and \$26,252.37 in the lake maintenance account, for a total of \$36,487.60 in all three CRC accounts.

Babb's Treasurer Ginny Graves reported on the Babb's Park account balances and expressed gratitude for the \$5,000 donation received from Claudia Babb.

Deb explained that three sections of beaver dam have been removed from the stream draining south pond, which reduced the water level. A blue algae bloom is expected this summer, and it can be toxic, so water samples are being taken daily and water tested monthly.

Southwick has applied for a \$750,000 grant for alum treatment to prevent future algae blooms and they should know in October if they will receive the grant.

Jerry Crane noted that the 4th of July parade will be held on July 2, with boats gathering at 5 p.m. and the parade starting at 6 p.m. He also remarked about how well the Babb's Park clean-up day went, with over 45 volunteers present. Deb added that Southwick divers will be checking the lake bottom in front of Babb's beach on Friday afternoon for any sunken hazards.

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Steve passed along a warning from the LMC that any electricity supplied to docks should have a GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) to prevent electrocutions. He also explained that the “boat-in movie” was postponed due to rain and windy weather, but will be rescheduled for a future date, perhaps July 1.

Janeene Crane discussed the gypsy moth problem and passed out relevant information.

Ron Greene discussed his ideas for a kayak regatta/race with three courses in front of Babb’s Beach, and noted that he had met with Police Chief and Harbor Master David Ricardi who offered free police help and explained that an ambulance will not be required. Ron doesn’t yet know if the Environmental Police will be required and if so, what the cost might be. State permits will be required. The regatta is planned for Saturday, August 20, 2016, starting at 9 a.m.

Janeene Crane mentioned that another “Little Black Dress” fundraiser is planned for October 9 at the Cove from noon to 5 p.m.

Christine Pepka gave an update on CLEPO, the appeal of their lawsuit victory, and the planned golf outing on Saturday, July 9, at the Suffield Country Club to raise additional funds.

Next Membership Meeting

The next open membership meeting will be on Tuesday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Crabby Joe’s. (The Board will meet starting at 6:00 pm and those interested are welcome to attend.)

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Rick Seaman
Acting Secretary

Date: 6/19/2016