

**Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.**  
Minutes of the Executive CRC/Babb's Board Meeting  
July 11, 2017

The CRC/Babb's Board Meeting of Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc., was called to order by President Deb Herath at 6:07 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 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
Rick Seaman	
Jerry Crane	President Emeritus
Ginny Graves	Babb's Project Treasurer
Janeene Crane	
Steve Schmidt	Director of Pond Ecology
Drew Seibert	Social Media
Ron Greene	
Beth Thomas	

Those absent:

Sharon Jones	Hospitality Co-Chair
Rob Tatro	

**New Business**

Ann Gustafson reported that the CRC checking account had a balance of \$5,764.87, the savings account had a balance of \$1,776.39 and the Investment account had a balance of \$29,925.81.

Ginny Graves reported that the Babb's checking account has \$120.97 and the Savings account has \$38,836.73.

Suffield is now charging non-residents \$20 per carload to use the park. A carload is up to 6 people. More than 6 will be charged \$5 each. The fee is waived on days of concerts.

The algae treatment is clearing up the algae. Eric Mueller is testing regularly.

The results of the Boat Raffle: At 5:50 pm we had 91 tickets in the bucket. We announced the last charge. Scott Graves led the charge with 2 more tickets. We ended up with 96-98 sold so we made between \$420 and \$480. Ron gave Ann \$360 more July 11<sup>th</sup>. The winner was Tom Swain. Ron thinks we announced the boat raffle too early. Leaving it at Legends, it basically became something no one saw

anymore. We needed more excitement. The focus was more on where to put it if you won it and less on what the money was for.

There was a light turnout for the Boat Parade, weather being a factor.

Suffield wasn't cooperating on the Babb's Bluegrass Festival, so it's being moved to Hilltop Farms. Suffield wanted us to have multiple policemen all day at an exorbitant cost.

Babb's Open House scheduled for Wednesday from 3-6:30 was likely to be canceled due to rain.

The Jet Ski issue: The Town met with the State. A By-law is needed. It'll take a year.

Steve Schmidt moved to adjourn. Kevin Maloney seconded. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Champagney, Secretary

### **General Meeting**

Attendance: 19+ plus the Board.

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 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.

Steve explained the Investment Account is only used for lake maintenance. This year 16 acres were treated.

Deb Herath presented Franklin Land Trust with the \$3,000 check for North Pond Preservation, saying every dollar counts. 62 or so acres for the town. State allocation needed to be used by June 30. The State said they needed to spend the money, so they bought 85 acres for Fish & Game. There is a 1-year extension to raise the money. \$1 million from the Town, \$400k land grant, \$600k Fish & Game had allocated so Fish & Game is moving it over \$100k. So there is \$1.8 million still to raise. Private donations, Band Jam fundraiser at Whalley Park, foundations, etc. Ideas for fundraising are welcome. Save North Pond at Franklin Land Trust. Citizens support will be needed.

Steve reported the lake was treated July 1 for algae, that LMC members saw it coming, treated it, took a few days and now South Pond is the best it's been all season.

Jerry Crane reported that the Boat Parade's weather was iffy so there was a light More fireworks Monday night.

Jerry reported that Suffield is getting involved with Babb's and CRC's time is up. Todd had a meeting with the Town and the August 19 Bluegrass Festival will now be at Hilltop Farms. July 23<sup>rd</sup> Podunk Throwbacks will be at Babb's. August 6 Corn Fed Dogs will be at Babb's. August 27 Jenny Lynn will be at Babb's. The bluegrass concerts at Babb's don't have an admission fee but donations are gratefully accepted.

The beach was trashed July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Suffield had to clean it up, which costs money, so they are now charging non-residents \$20/carload. Jerry planned to suggest Southwick residents should be free.

Jet Ski Issue: No real new information. Harbormaster is not enforcing the no PWCs on North Pond. We are pursuing it. Express your opinion to the Select Board, no matter which town you live in.

Jerry said to help support your local businesses: Buy a drink! Kevin motioned to adjourn, Mike seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Champagney  
Secretary