

General & Board Committee Meeting Minutes 5/14/24 7PM @ The Brass Rail and Meeting House 90 Point Grove Rd, Southwick

In Attendance: Board Members- Michelle Pratt- President, Scott Snyder-Perusse- Vice President, Mike Orszulak- Treasurer, Corinne Pooler- Secretary, Jerry Crane- Emeritus Associate Board Members: Sharon Jones, Mary Ann Philo

Treasurer's Report-Checking: 26,791.55 Savings:5,795.11 PayPal: 273.44 Brokerage:76,735.16 Total: 109,595.26

Membership: 134 households paid as of today (\$ 8,210.64)

Includes Free entrance to Babb's Beach for the season. Active members have voting rights on pressing issues. Have your voice heard & become a member. Dues are \$30 per household. We are grateful to have a supportive community.

We still need someone to help with our tax reporting duties. Also, a licensed Attorney to finalize our bylaws. If interested talk to one of our board members or email us: info@congamnd

<u>Hydrilla Weed Update-</u> The state is paying \$26,000 for the hydrilla treatment.

Lake Buoy Light Update- The board approved to light almost all navigational buoys. With exception to the north ramp area, and the 2 town swimming beaches. Thanks to all involved.

<u>"Spiff Up Southwick"</u> – The Southwick Land trust has organized a clean-up throughout areas in Southwick. This Saturday, 9 am at The Daily Grind. Free coffee and donuts are provided to volunteers.

Babb's Pavilion plans: New plans passed via Suffield town meeting. The lower walls will be removed to create a multi-use event pavilion. Volunteers will be needed. More info to come.

Southwick Historical society presented a granite monument. To be placed near Red Ridinghood's basket. An estimated 80,000 people pass through that area yearly. Who may not even be aware of our beautiful lakes. It depicts the designated historic area of the canal, our lakes and railway. They are raising money in various ways for the proposed monument.

Lake Permitting Program- Selectboard member Jason Peron is working on the renegoation of the contract with the town of Suffield. Violators are being fined. Please make sure to register your boats & docks. Important for residents with boats & docks to register with their respective towns. It also helps to aid navigation for emergency services on the lake.

Dredging plans- Dredging is to be completed at the south ramp. CPC approved proposed funding for the project (available for public to vote @ upcoming town meeting) Just in case the state will not cover their cost.

Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Eric Mueller discussed the health of the Congamond Great Ponds.

Boat Parade - Date 7/6 Saturday Band: Mac n Friends. Rain date 7/7 Sunday Band: ? TBD

4th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament - Date 9/14 at Edgewood Golf Course

<u>Needed</u> -Ideas for Topics /Speakers <u>2024 Meeting Schedule</u> - 6/11; 7/9; 8/13; 9/10; 10/8