

Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.
Minutes of the Executive CRC/Babb's Board Meeting
February 20, 2017

The CRC/Babb's Board Meeting of Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc., was called to order by President Deb Herath at 7:08 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2017 at Sharon Jones' house at 86 Point Grove Road, Southwick, Massachusetts.

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

Deb Herath	President
Ann Gustafson	Treasurer
Linda Champagney	Secretary
Rick Seaman	
Jerry Crane	President Emeritus
Sandie MacDowell	Hospitality Co-Chair
Sharon Jones	Hospitality Co-Chair
Janeene Crane	
Shannon Watso	CLEPO

Those absent:

Kevin Maloney	Vice President
Ginny Graves	Babb's Project Treasurer
Christine Ayotte	CLEPO
Rob Tatro	
Ron Greene	
Steve Schmidt	Director of Pond Ecology
Matt Joyal	
Lynn Joyal	

New Business

Shannon Watson from CLEPO gave an update beginning with a letter that was sent to residents whose properties are on Lake Road, saying that they can't use Lake Road, which landlocks them. Mixed messages are being sent and received and a meeting at the Firehouse resulted in the affected property owners vowing to continue the fight to stop the sand pit. Information is scarce at the moment and CLEPO is working on several avenues to block the mining. Melissa Mack, First Selectwoman, is involved in doing what she can do, which is limited.

Treasurer, Ann Gustafson, reported that the checking account has a balance of \$3,393.63, the savings has a balance of \$1,776.10, and the investment account has a balance of \$35,097.33. The cost for demolition of the beaver dam in the canal would be about \$3,000 and would come out of the investment account.

President, Deb Herath reported that Dick Grannells is working with the Representatives and special Representative to the Governor for Western MA to get things moving on the dredging equipment

project. Once the spring thaw sets in, there is concern that the water may back up and flood South Pond residents' basements.

Janeene Crane gave an update on the Little Black Dress Brunch event to be held at The Cove on April 23, 2017 from 11:00-3:00. We have 8 models. We will have raffles, one prize is a dinner for 10 people at the Cove, where the winner buys the groceries and the Chef prepares dinner. (This may change). She is also contacting the Suffield Country Club to see if they might donate a round of golf or dinner as a prize. Next LBD meeting is Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 7:00 at the Crane's.

Jerry Crane reported on the Concert Series. He is working with Todd, who does bluegrass. Due to lack of sponsorships, Jerry is stepping back and letting Todd do All Bluegrass All The Time. Since no one stepped up to get sponsors, Jerry can't hire the bands he wants to hire. There was a suggestion to get sponsorships prior to the end of the year for next year's potential concert series.

Jerry reported that nothing is new regarding Babb's and the Town of Suffield. Patrick McMahon hasn't started drawing up a new lease.

Linda Champagney reported that Savers has upped their payment amount for hard goods from 5 cents a pound to 10 cents a pound. We chose Saturday, April 29th as the collection day. Jerry mentioned that we should wait an hour past the collection time before we leave for Savers, due to the fact that we had some stragglers last time.

Other events were asked about. What are other North Pond options? Apparently the property has been divided and now part is being bought by the State for a nature preserve and the other part could end up with high end houses on it. This brought about a discussion about the current condition of the lakefront property there. Drop-ins are paying \$5 at the boat launch, bringing in excessive amounts of people with loud music and unsanitary habits and what is better – keeping the shoreline open so this can continue or having houses, which prevents people from pulling up on shore and continuing this behavior?

Jerry asked about the annual lake cleanup and whether we might focus on that lakefront property on North Pond.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Champagney, Secretary

Date: February 21, 2017