

Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.

Minutes of the Open Membership Meeting

May 10, 2016

The Open Membership Meeting of Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc. was called to order by President Deb Herath at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 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
Kevin Maloney	Vice-President
Ann Gustafson	Treasurer
Jerry Crane	President Emeritus
Steve Schmid	Technical Advisor
Sharon Jones	Hospitality Co-Chair
Rick Seaman	Acting Secretary
Ginny Graves	Babb's Treasurer
Christine Pepka	CLEPO

Those absent:

Rob Tatro	Secretary
Sandie MacDowell	Hospitality Co-Chair
Linda Champagney	

Others present: approximately 16 other members and guests.

New Business

Treasurer Ann Gustafson reported that as of May 10, an additional \$210 had been received in dues (7 @ \$30) and \$300 in donations (all amounts in excess of \$30). The plant sale net profit was \$558. There is now \$5,042.62 in the checking account, \$3,774.71 in savings, and \$26,973.95 in lake maintenance, for a total of \$35,791.28 in all three CRC accounts.

Ginny Graves reported that the Babb's Park savings account has a balance of \$26,835.10 and a balance of \$479.89 in the checking account.

Steve Schmid explained that the lake treatment was done on Monday and distributed maps showing the planned treatment areas – actual treatment areas may have varied.

Eric Mueller, a Southwick Lake Management Committee member, spoke about the database that has been built for water analysis. An alum treatment to reduce phosphate levels is being considered but will cost approximately \$800,000. The canal restoration project would increase flow out of the lake and therefore improve water quality and help manage the lake level but it is currently unfunded. A lake depth profile done last week found that the water is warmer than last year, which may result in more algae growth this year.

Deb Herath and Jerry Crane announced the results of the April 30 plant sale which netted \$558.

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Deb and Steve reminded everyone that the Babb's Park clean-up will be on Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring yard tools.

Steve reminded everyone that he will be showing the movie "Hoot" at Babb's Park on Friday night, May 27, starting at dark (about 8:30 p.m.), weather permitting.

Ron Greene discussed two possible options for CRC fundraising:

- 1) A swap meet with a table charge of \$10 and a 10% fee to sellers which would go to CRC. He said that he'd need about \$250 for ads. The tentative date is June 18.
- 2) A kayak regatta (aka race), perhaps in mid-August. It was suggested that August 20 would be a good date.

Christine Pepka announced that the CLEPO fund raiser at Crabby Joe's on May 7 raised approximately \$1,700. They now have about \$5,000 toward their goal of \$15,000 to fight the appeal of their lawsuit victory. A pre-trial conference will be on May 26. A golf tournament is planned for July 9 at the Suffield Country Club, with an optional dinner.

Deb noted that Southwick will have a town meeting on May 17 at which time reducing the funding for the North Pond land acquisition will be discussed. She encouraged everyone to attend and to speak against reducing the funding for land preservation.

Next Membership Meeting

The next open membership meeting will be on Tuesday, June 14 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 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by: Rick Seaman
Acting Secretary

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