

Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.

Minutes of the Open Membership Meeting

July 12, 2016

The Open Membership Meeting of Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc. was called to order by President Deb Herath at 7:06 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 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
Jerry Crane	President Emeritus
Rick Seaman	Acting Secretary
Steve Schmid	Technical Advisor
Sharon Jones	Hospitality Co-Chair
Sandie MacDowell	Hospitality Co-Chair
Ginny Graves	Babb's Treasurer
Christine Pepka	CLEPO
Ron Greene	

Those absent:

Ann Gustafson	Treasurer
Rob Tatro	Secretary
Linda Champagney	

Others present: approximately 16 other members and guests.

New Business

Treasurer Ann Gustafson was absent, but President Deb Herath reported that there is now \$7,565.21 in the checking account, \$3,775.02 in savings, and \$26,435.00 in the lake maintenance account.

Babb's Treasurer Ginny Graves reported on the Babb's Park account balances.

Jerry Crane provided some history and an update on Babb's Park and noted that the 4th of July parade had over 50 boats participating.

Janeene Crane announced that the Little Black Dress fundraiser will be held at the Cove on Sunday, October 9, 2016 from noon to 5 p.m. She encouraged men to attend too.

Kevin Maloney encouraged any present who are not yet members to join and passed out several membership forms.

Steve Schmid announced that he will show the movie "Hoot" at Babbs this Friday night if there is no rain.

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Dennis Clark and John Whalley of the Southwick Conservatoin Commission discussed efforts to purchase the land on North Pond that has 2700 feet of lake frontage. August 6 is the kick-off of the fund-raising efforts with the Franklin Land Trust. They are working to obtain matching funds from various businesses. Their goal is to obtain \$1 million in contributions from citizens. Massachusetts Fish and Game will also contribute \$1 million. They have one year to raise the necessary funds. They would like a link to their site added to the CRC website. If purchased, Southwick and Fish and Game would own the land which would be open to light recreation.

Ron Greene discussed the issues surrounding the kayak regatta/race and said that he hopes to have these resolved within the next 10 days so that he can move forward with the planning.

Christine Pepka gave a history and update on CLEPO, the appeal of their lawsuit victory, and the successful golf outing on Saturday, July 9, at the Suffield Country Club which raised additional funds. Almost \$50,000 has been raised over the past two years.

Deb mentioned that the weir gates on the stream draining South Pond had been tampered with and asked anyone with information to come forward.

Next Membership Meeting

The next open membership meeting will be on Tuesday, August 9 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 7:56 p.m.

Submitted by: Rick Seaman
Acting Secretary

Date: 7/14/2016