

Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.
Minutes of the Executive CRC/Babb's Board Meeting
August 8, 2017

The CRC/Babb's Board Meeting of Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc., was called to order by President Deb Herath at 6:04 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 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
Rick Seaman	
Jerry Crane	President Emeritus
Ginny Graves	Babb's Project Treasurer
Drew Seibert	Social Media
Sharon Jones	Hospitality Co-Chair
Beth Thomas	

Those absent:

Sandie MacDowell	Hospitality Co-Chair
Rob Tatro	
Ron Greene	
Steve Schmidt	Director of Pond Ecology

New Business

Beth Thomas suggested shopping through Amazon Smile to benefit CRC, which is a recognized charity.

Ann Gustafson reported that the CRC checking account had a balance of \$7,827.99, the savings account had a balance of \$1,776.47 and the Investment account had a balance of \$30,161.17.

Ginny Graves reported that the Babb's checking account has \$32.27 and the Savings account has \$38,836.73.

Sand Pit was discussed. Lake Road Materials is holding what they plan to do when they're done concerning access to road over the heads of homeowners to avoid trouble for themselves.

The Jet Ski issue was discussed. LMC's position is that no jet skis should be allowed on North Pond. The State has given it back to the Town to deal with. So a By Law needs to be written. The signs saying No Personal Water Craft on North Pond are back up and people keep taking them down.

Next Savers Collection: September 9th, 9-1:00pm at Babb's to benefit CRC.

Babb's Beach Open House Recap & Suggestions Requested for Beach Admission. The Babb's Committee will meet with Melissa Mack regarding our involvement with Babb's (or not). In order to get into Babb's Free, CRC Members need to contact the Town. CRC does not share our membership list. All dues paying CRC Members from any town are able to get in free.

Bluegrass Concerts. Last week at Babb's: 50 people. Festival on August 19 at Hilltop Farms. August 13th at Babb's: Laura Orshaw and the New Velvet Band; August 27th: Jenny Lynn.

Ann added Rotary is having Truckstop Troubadours at Whalley Park on Wednesday August 30th from 6-9:30 with food and beverages.

Social Media – Deb suggested we ask the membership what they would like to see on Social Media.

4th of July Boat Parade: A Facebook comment mentioned that the Boat Parade with its patriotic theme is “the same old thing” and maybe we should go back to themes.

Babb's Flag Pole, CRC Flag & Plaque, and Babb's Bricks were discussed.

Jerry Crane moved to adjourn. Beth Thomas seconded. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Champagney, Secretary

General Meeting

Attendance: 15+ plus the Board.

Meeting was called to order at 6:59 by Deb Herath, President.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. The Babb's Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

Sand Pit: Lake Road Materials says there will NOT be noise from truck (but legally they cannot take off the backup noise), they're removing the old road and putting in a new road for homeowners and holding the road easement “hostage”. They'll be 2-3 years removing sand. They can dig within 1 foot of the aquifer. They'll be doing this Monday through Saturday. Bond is \$7,500/acre for reclaiming land post mining. Tri-axle trucks are 2,280,000 lbs 30 loads that LRM estimates. If they reach the 70 load limit, the weight would be 5,320,000 lbs on the roads. Sand has tripled in price.

Sand pit: If they reach the 70 load limit, the weight would be 5,320,000 lb Copper Hill Road being the weight. The 90 degree turn on Copperhill Road with trucks as large and heavy as that is very dangerous.

Drainage on the new road will still drain into the lake. Question: They have a 2-year permit. What happens after 2 years And when the zoning election comes up, we need to be represented.

Jet Skis: We'll need to make an ordinance. The Harbormaster and the Select Board needs to hear from us. CRC should write a letter opposing jet skis on North Pond. The speed limit needs to be enforced. If you see something wrong, report it. A different speed limit was suggested for North Pond, like 10 mph. A subcommittee was suggested to decide what our membership would like to see happen. Paul Yocum asked what is required to get on the Town ballot to get a Town Ordinance. We need to come up with a Bylaw that we want to see adopted, the Town of Southwick will then need to vote on it. Put your ideas on paper and give it to the Board. If there are problems, send it back to CRC way before the meeting. We need to be informed when the Town Meeting is to take place. The Committee has been formed,

Deb has the names. Kevin is to write something legal. It was suggested that North Pond homeowners with jet skis be allowed to go slowly (no wake) to Middle Pond to use their jet skis.

Babb's Open House had 50 people and music. The Beach is open. Over the 4th of July someone trashed the beach with dirty diapers, needles, half eaten food in the water, beer bottles everywhere, etc. As a result, the Town decided to charge non-Suffield residents \$20/carload. CRC dues-paying members can get in free if they contact the Town. Since Southwick residents have supported the Babb's restoration, they should get in free. We talked about generating membership cards to CRC members. If you want one, come to a meeting. TBD on this idea.

Bluegrass – 3 left: 8/13 Laura Orshaw & the New Velvet Band, 8/19 is the Bluegrass Festival at Hilltop Farm in Suffield – food, bounce house for the kids, etc. all day. Todd Michael of Paddle Faster Bluegrass is putting these on. 8/27 is Jenny Lynn at Babb's.

Speaker next month is Lee Hamberg who will talk about the Hurricane of 1955 and what it did to North Pond and the Lake.

Deb asked for suggestions for speakers, suggestions for content on Facebook and on our CRC Website.

Jerry asked for suggestions for themes for next year's Boat Parade.

Sharon Jones discussed the Annual CRC Vacation. It's the first week of March and so far they're thinking Jamaica or the Dominican Republic. Let Sharon know if you're interested.

Deb mentioned receiving a thank you letter from the Franklin Land Trust.

Thank you Rick Seaman for making a gavel for the President!

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Champagney
Secretary