

LAKES & PONDS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2013

Members:

Todd Girard	Town Official
Ziggy Waraszkiewicz	Chairman
Tim Moran	Vice Chairman
Jackie Nowak	Glen Echo
Lisa Westwell	Charlton Heritage Preservation Land Trust
Lori Fontaine	South Charlton Reservoir
Frank Zappulla	Glen Echo
John Santos	Prindle Pond
Andrew McMahan	Glen Echo - Absent
Etta Ginga	Little Nugget - Absent
Dick Ginga	Little Nugget – Absent
Jack Josti	Pierpont Meadow Pond
Stanley Lewandowski	Pierpont Meadow Pond

Guests: Deb Marquis

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Chairman, Ziggy Waraszkiewicz.

Discussion Items:

Review of prior month's meeting minutes

Robert's Rules of Order

Moorings/Docks/Floats/Piers – Bylaw Review

Boating Course Status

Draw Downs

Pond Mapping

Harbormaster

Association Membership/Activities

- Meeting Minutes
 - The February 2013 meeting minutes were reviewed. Lisa Westwell pointed out that while Carl Eckman had retired from the police force, he will remain as the Emergency Management Director (EMD) for the town. A motion was made by Lisa Westwell and seconded by Ziggy Waraszkiewicz to accept the amended February 2013 minutes. Once updated, Jackie Nowak will forward to Lisa W. for posting on the website. The motion passed.
 - The January 2013 meeting minutes had not been updated. Lori Fontaine will update the January minutes and present at the April 2013 meeting for approval.
 - Stanley Lewandowski and Jack Josti from Pierpont Meadow Pond were added to the membership list.

- Robert's Rules of Order
 - Lori presented an amended list of rules/guidelines for the committee to follow during the meetings as follows:
 - The meetings of the committee will be conducted in an orderly manner
 - A quorum of 2/3s of the membership must be present to do business
 - One question at a time and one speaker at a time
 - Personal remarks in debate are always out of order
 - A maximum of 5 minutes will be allowed per speaker

Ziggy and Todd Girard remarked that a quorum equally 2/3s of the membership would be difficult to attain. The committee agreed that 50% of the membership would be sufficient for a quorum.

- Moorings/Docks/Floats/Piers – Proposed Bylaw Review
 - Todd G. presented a rough draft of the bylaw for review. The intent of the bylaw is to provide regulation to docks/moorings and berthing on the water bodies of Charlton. The drafting of this bylaw is in response to tasking from the Charlton Board of Selectmen (BOS).
 - The Bylaw is Article 18 on the May 2013 Town Warrant.
 - Todd G. agreed to update the wording based on membership review, discussion and comments. Todd will send updated version out for review with comments due no later than 19 March 2013.
 - Todd G. will forward final draft to town counsel for review with request for feedback by March 29, 2013.
 - Lisa W. suggested that the L&P committee develop a statement for town meeting which explains the intent, rationale, etc. for the Bylaw and have a committee representative read it at town meeting. Todd G. also suggested that the individual lake associations review and discuss the bylaw prior to town meeting.

- Boating Course Status
 - Todd G. has not heard back from Chief Pervier or other agencies regarding a boating course for Charlton.

- Pond Mapping
 - No progress has been made on this. However, Todd G. has been working with the Charlton Fire Department for access to various water bodies.

- Harbormaster
 - The membership agreed that a harbormaster was not necessary for Charlton. Per Chief Pervier at the February 2013 meeting, residents can and should call them if there are issues/problems. He has the authority to enforce Mass Boating laws.

- Association Membership/Activities
 - Jackie N. asked other lake association representatives on the committee how they get residents involved. A few suggestions, such as pot luck dinners and welcome packets were discussed, but everyone agreed it was a problem.
 - Todd G. stated he has a program called “Casting for Conservation” which educates people about fishing, environmental stewardship, etc. Todd is willing to bring this program to each lake during the summer months to increase awareness and generate interest.
 - Todd G. stated that May 4, 2013 is the second annual fishing day at Snow’s Pond (Fay Mountain Farm).

- Next meeting – Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made by Lisa Westwell and seconded by Tim Moran to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.