



Minutes – HPC Meeting Oct 6; Susan’s house; 118 Headwaters Dr

Attendees:

Donna Connolly	Ann Frechette
Scott Norum	Patrick Otton
Rich Walker	Susan Cyr
John Ketchum	Diana Preston (via zoom)

General Update

- Minutes from Aug 21 were approved.
- Hallie Vitolo notified us of her resignation from the Secretary role as she is moving out of state. Board decided to advertise both the open role and the two open Board positions in the End of Season recap email to the membership distribution. Additionally, Donna will reach out to interested GSLA members and Susan will reach out to the short list of Six Ponds members.
- Financial Update – Erik was unable to attend the meeting and provided Susan with the following summary. Member spreadsheet was updated through Oct 2.

Cape Cod 5 checking.	\$836.02
PayPal.	\$619.28
Total available	\$1455.30

New Business:

- Discussed Stephanie’s email on Public Comment for Waterways Committee on Aquatic Hitchhikers - ends Oct 14. Decision was made to send an email on behalf of entire Board but individual Board members were free to share additional emails. Based on first meeting, there appears to be no opposition to the adoption of the language which is in line with good pond policy (no washing of boats off public boat ramps on the ponds). No official vote was taken so email was rescinded and individual Board members will send their own emails of support.

- Oct 14 recap – discussed the following items for inclusion on the End of Season recap agenda for next week's meeting with Amy, Carrie and Stephanie. (See agenda)
 - Bathroom at Seymour Pond – seems like minimal cost for potential good benefit.
 - Does the “shared ponds with Brewster” conversation merit a discussion point? NO – do not include; will work with their pond coalition directly.
 - POV IV, Pennrose – what is the plan? How do we advocate for more environmentally healthy wastewater treatment??
 - Ask for their input on creating a septic checklist.
 - Confirm if there is a formal Urine Diversion working committee and how do we gain representation?
 - Add Fertilizer/Pesticide topic on recap agenda. How do we chunk into smaller pieces that will start moving the ball forward? Work with specific groups like cranberry farmers(Alan Hall), seasonal homeowners, landscapers, residents?
 - Conservation Committee(Garden Club)/HPC/Town – Cape Cod Lawn contest
 - Is there an opportunity to do a warrant article to approve a “commission” to then work on developing fertilizer/pesticide policy over the following year?
 - Is there any support or advocacy we can do in the current budgeting process?
- Subtidal pond study – Scott update; \$400/mo – 7 months, \$3k/year. Scott would NOT recommend we do it.
- This https://apcc.org/protect-water-and-nature-initiative/?blm_aid=1019313153; how do we feel about sharing info in our “end of season” recap letter to our membership? Explain the initiative, make them aware of it, they can choose to sign it.
- Pond Coalition reach outs – Susan emailed Kristin for complete list of town pond contacts so we can start socializing/planning a “town share”.
- Website update – John
 - Update on payment transaction process. ***See John's email with detail – looking for a few testers!***
 - Pond Pages – pictures; ***See John's email for update***
- Six Ponds walk-through with HCT on Thursday Oct 9 at 9am.
- End of Season newsletter to our membership distro – I will draft something after recap meeting next week and provide a preview to all of you.
- John encouraged us all to read the LCP which contains fertilizer recommendations.

Next Board meeting? Susan will contact library for availability and send around a few dates for team to vote on.

Future Meeting Topics – TABLED FOR DISCUSSION – NOT DISCUSSED

- Postcards to pondfront owners – Pushed to November meeting.
- Pond Education/Advocacy next steps – Pushed to November meeting
 - Septic checklists – Donna, Erik, Hallie
 - Advocacy on fertilizer and pesticides – Patrick, John, Susan, Diana, Rich (Diana & John – fertilizer; pesticide – Patrick and Rich; herbicide)
 1. Discuss Diana's point on the lobbying effort and the 20% rule.
 2. Revisit John's email on Barnstable and his draft of potential bylaw.
 3. Reach out to landscapers; licensed landscapers already log and check what they do. Can we get list of landscapers?
 4. How do we socialize potential bylaw over the fall/winter season?
 5. Review/develop strategy for 2026 Town Meeting? How do we make progress vs perfection?