

**Lake Rescue Association Board Meeting
June 22, 2013, 9 a.m.**

In attendance: Marty Fino, Alan Grant, Jerry Latta, Barb Silver-Holt, Frank Wingate, Ann Rose, Charlie Robinson, Natalie Fisher.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Angi did not produce a new treasurer's report because there is nothing new to report.

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING. Motion to accept by Charlie. Seconded by Ann. Approved

DREDGING UPDATE. Frank, Charlie, Jerry, Marty, Ann and Chris Sheldon met with someone from the state. Chris did great job responding to the few questions that were asked. There appears to be nothing further we need to do, and can begin to dredge when time comes. Charlie is trying to get one more round of estimates on materials to purchase, and believes they will cost roughly \$13.5K. Chris wants to work 6, 10-hour days. Cost of dredger and Chris should be about \$29,000 a week, which equates to a total of about \$87,500 for 3 weeks. This does not include what Mike O'Neil might charge to haul sediment away, which is still to be determined. If the project takes over 3 weeks, cost will be \$100K or more. 16 cubic yards is all they pulled out of Killian's per bag.

Griggs is scheduled to come week before Labor Day and do depth surveys. It was determined that we have some leeway in changing the exact location of dredging if the sediment has shifted somewhat. Frank will try to move the date up, so results can be shared at the Annual Meeting. Charlie will try to get Bill Sheldon here so we can have info prior to annual meeting.

Dredging is slated to begin September 4th or 5th. The site has to be prepared first. It was observed that turbid water was coming back out of bags at Killian's. Perhaps silt curtains will contain. We will watch very closely, especially first week. Charlie suggests lake turbidity is quite variable, and perhaps we can take secchi disc around whole lake, 10' out.

Marty suggests we explore ways to better determine water quality, such as testing for ecoli, especially in coves and areas where water may not move as much. Alan suggests we do it ourselves rather than engage the state. Will be on next meeting's agenda.

FUNDRAISING: There has been no change, 74K pledged, 63K in, time to remind remaining pledgers. Agreed to dip into our fund if cost goes over that. Natalie suggests we bring this up at Annual Meeting and re-vote on the \$125,000 cap, with the additional information we will have at that point. Proxy will go out before Aug. 10 with notice that there will be a vote on the cap for dredging spending.

Question for Angi: does Rescue our Lakes line item in budget include fundraising? Natalie will investigate and report back.

SHORELAND PROTECTION ISSUES. Jerry reports that the Ludlow planning commission has been dormant for several years, but that Alan Couch, current chairman, is trying to reactivate it, and will address the shoreland protection issue for Ludlow, which currently has no legislation. Rosemary has put together a new long-range plan for town, first in many years. The commission's recommendations will go to select board then to various town agencies. For now, we should decide if we want LRA present in meeting in July, as our input may be requested. LRA must decide what role we should play in shaping local zoning laws.

Jerry reviewed the history of the Shoreland Protection activities in the state and in New England. Beginning on July 15, the state commission will conduct informational meetings all over the state, and will issue a final report to senate by January 2014. It will summarize how other states protect shorelands, and should be a good document with thorough information. Our area will not have a meeting; Charlie will request an additional meeting be held for the Lakes District.

FOVLAP is in favor of legislation – LRA is a member. Charlie suggests we should be in contact with Adam Greshin and our senator.

Frank makes a motion to appoint Jerry Latta to attend next planning session in July, to convey LRA suggestion that steps and stone walls permitted as long as they are in keeping with best practices as suggested by ANR. Alan seconded, approved. Will look into document to send to new homeowners, and brochure to send in mailing.

LRA can also play a role of community influence by marketing awareness of these issues to our lakes community members, including possibly a packet to new homeowners. Marty suggests we hold meeting for all realtors, give info about shoreland protection, and long term economic value in supporting health of the lake.

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION GRANT. Marty spoke with Marie Caduto, who is very happy with the way grant has been handled, and is using it as example as state/local cooperation. We are currently owed up to ¼ of grant compensation, and Kristen Underwood hasn't been paid. ANR hasn't paid first bill, sent on March 30, and a second bill is due in June. LRA has put in over 100 hours – much of it Ann and son doing windshield surveys. LRA will receive about \$7,000 for our time.

Ann went up Money Brook with group. Sediment is clay, much of which is silt keeping water muddy. Flume is issue – where crosses road, is higher than should be – design is wrong. Has to be a financial gain before the state will take any actions. This grant is just to determine what can be done on each of future grants. Landslide expert is an important player, but has not yet offered an assessment. It has been suggested LRA should help Echo and Amherst form a lake association. Monday's upcoming meeting will address Patch Brook – which impacts Rescue most.

Plymouth not too interested in Patch Brook – monitoring traffic on road. Road has been upgraded several times.

Jerry suggests the Planning Commission be aware of our work on the ERG grant – should update Frank Heald and Rosemary on all the work LRA is involved with.

BYLAWS REVISION. Alan presented new version of by-laws. Extended discussion on Section 5E regarding significant expenditures and the process for notifying board and handling objections. Decision was made to send copy of revised by-laws to membership in proxy without changes listed. Both sets will be on website. Barb volunteered to list changes and include on Dropbox.

Marty moves that recommendations by the By-Laws subcommittee be approved by the board and that changes be submitted to membership for their approval after final July vote by the board. Seconded by Jerry, approved.

NEW BUSINESS.

Paypal. Natalie wants to upgrade software Weebly that captures information prior to it going to Paypal, pay \$50 a year. Can update membership online and provide more information to Charlie. Ann moves, Alan seconds, approved. Charlie notes nothing in by-laws designates who is responsible for committee work, such as membership. Suggestion to find someone to help Charlie with membership – will look for local person.

Bubbler. Encouragement to make lake members aware of bubbler system. Notice will be included in next newsletter about bubbler issues. Barb will draft short, generic item for newsletter, maybe with links to resources.

Financial Audit. Is it time for an audit. Natalie will ask Wayne Fisher. Jerry suggests someone independent will be more palatable to general membership. Wayne will be asked to find a second person who is independent.

Annual Meeting Speaker. Amy Piquot (SPA), Kristen Underwood (ERG). Jerry will look for shoreland protection person at meeting. Maybe have both. Community Center booked, Frank Heald will attend. Agenda will be set at July meeting. Need to keep meeting tight.

Red Bridge Road sign is still missing.

July 4. There is some concern about boat parade, safety issues, water balloons. LRA will have a table, with board members. Barb will mail display materials to Jerry for dredging. Also ANR handouts – Amy Piquot has handouts. Nothing to do about balloons this year, maybe just try to cleanup after.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm