

## Marita minutes from the SLAC Meeting June 20, 2019

Attendance: Marita Tasse, Rob Sparrow, Bruce Gran, Leigh Darrin, Chris Mazeika (briefly) and Mary Dowling (from Board of Selectmen) and Jeff Bridges (Town Administrator)

Absent: Chuck Roy, Laurie Palmer and Tom Quinlan. Need to replace a rep from Walker Pond and Leadmine.

Mark Farrell has submitted his resignation from Leadmine.

The meeting was called to order by Marita at 6:40 and we welcomed Mary Dowling and Jeff Bridges.

Chris Mazeika stopped by to let us know he will be conducting the lakes monitoring sessions on Friday, 7/26 and Sunday, 7/28. He will send out a notice to alert us and the usual captains and volunteers who provide boats and help in the monitoring. **We will make final plans at our next meeting Thurs, July 18.**

### Old business:

- 1) Review of May 25 safe boating course. Approx 45 people attended. Dave Darrin and Tom Quinlan assisted Dave Raphael as needed. Next course set at the Host for Sat, 8/10, 2019. It is listed on the Mass.Gov website under Safe boating course. Attendees must sign up on line. This next course will be paid for from the Betterment Fund where the increased \$1000 may be used to cover the course expenses. We still plan to ask attendees for donations to cover the food.
- 2) Discussion of our SLAC articles. Bruce said he submitted his recently, had no response and never saw it in any publication. New editor at the Stonebridge Press is Brendan Berube. Bruce will follow up on that.
- 3) Nutrients in the lakes and fertilizers were the next topics of discussion. Leigh suggested maybe offering a lakes seminar on fertilizers. She will speak to Mike Thibeault and Marita to Cal Montigny to pursue this idea. Bruce has found the people at Klem's to be very knowledgeable and helpful about fertilizer. Klem's recommends low to no P fertilizers esp'ly around lakes.
- 4) We had hoped to possibly include Laurel Carpenter from Leadmine to bring in her lakes expertise now that Dave Mitchell has retired. We discussed the option of having her join us remotely via conf call, but Mary Dowling said that is not allowed on town committees for a regular member. We can do that on occasion to share specific information.

### New Business:

- 1) The town clerk has asked all SLAC members to update their info with the town. She provided an outdated list of members to be attached to this msg in email so we can all get up to date. The town requires our date (maybe approx. is the best we can provide) of original appointment, when sworn in, when our 3 year appointment ends

and when we took the mandatory online ethics course. Mary Dowling suggested we all get reappointed at the same time and start from that date.

- 2) Following that topic, we discussed the make up of SLAC. The by-laws state that our membership shall consist of 2 members from each of the 5 lakes, 1 selectman, 1 Co Com member, 1 rep from Long Pond/East Brimfield Dam and each member has a vote. We could vote to change the voting privileges and eliminate some reps as voting members to have a better chance of having a quorum when we vote.

Our next meeting will be July 18, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Based on Marita's notes as Chuck Roy had told us he was traveling.