

## **Meeting Minutes for**

# **The regular meeting of the September 2023 of Lake Maspenock Preservation Association was called to order at 7:00 PM on September 13, 2023 at John Coutino's residence**

### **MEETING DETAILS.**

Location: **John Coutino's Residence**  
**62 Chestnut Street, Upton, MA**

Meeting Facilitator: **Jaime Goncalves President**

Secretary: **Paula Toomey, Secretary**

Date: **September 13, 2023** Time: **7 PM**

### **ATTENDEES.**

Jaime Goncalves, Sabine St. Pierre, Scott Caldwell, Yvonne Riley, Michael Riley, Paula Toomey, Joe Baldgiga, Amy Uliss

### **ABSENT.**

### **PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES.**

The minutes for the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

The agenda for this meeting was distributed and approved.

### **REPORTS.**

#### **Item #1: Monthly Balance Sheet**

Details: 7:00 - Distributed by Yvonne. Bank balance has increased by \$189.00 from \$9,822.68 to \$10,011.78. There was one renewal. Remaining increase in funds came from the Cornhole Tournament.

### **OTHER ITEMS.**

## **Item #2: Weed Update**

Details: 7:15: - Sabine: Kerry met Dave Mitchel. M

\*Sabine met with John Cardileo of the Hopkinton Independent and pictures were taken. Mary Ellen Gambon interviewed Sabine and Jaime.

\* LMPA focuses on the ecosystem of the lake and stresses ConCom's focus.

\*CIG will try to get the RFP in front of ConCom by January/February to see if order of conditions are being/have been met.

\*Michael R. - Kerry, "Oh my God, all these weeds." Told Kerry ImPA would go to ConCom and then her.

\*Jaime: Mary Ellen perceptive to plight. Trying for years. Nobody wants to use herbicides. Tried for approximately ten years to get rid of weeds.

\*Michael - Overflow in the storm drains are where the largest amount of weeds are. Kerry says drain filtration clog up and flood.

\*Jaime - need a catch pond to catch silt, etc.

\*Michael - continue to pressure Norman

\*Sabine - storm drainage and run-off is the problem; salt, fertilizer, and testing of water quality is not the problem. A filtration system is needed. Kerry agrees that salt and sediment that run off the ground and most of the weeds is not a coincidence.

\*Amy - If town puts out RFP, and town will approve, ConCom for approval

\*John - thinks RFP first, then ConCom.

\*Sabine - Kerry believes RFP first, then ConCom

\*Sabine - action point? Apply to town for storm water filtration planning?

Michael - Long term health of the lake. Filtration system will decrease the need for further herbicide. Use Ron's plan for long term health . Contribute our funds for a healthy lake.

Who should apply for the bid?

\*Yvonne - will apply. Will need a fundraiser.

Maybe ask Nicole McClennan or Chris Stephenson?

\*John - Two people will go in front of Selectboard.

\*Jaime - Application needs to go out soon.

\*John - Can everybody donate at least \$2.00 research?

\*Amy - Can Ron present a shorter version of presentation at Ko's?

\*Michael - Northbasin - extended drawdown gave an increase in the reduction of Milfoil. Large leaf has pods, drawdown did not affect. . The lake needs an *extended* extended drawdown.

\*Scott - Will signs stating, "*Clean Your Boat Correctly*" help. Yes

\*Jaime - ConCom needs evidence: i.e. Does fertilizer cause the problem? We do have evidence to the contrary.

\* ?? - Hitchhiker weeds from Whitehall to North Pond.

The geomorphology of the lake is very shallow. Organic matter at the bottom of the lake.

## **Item #3 Parks & Rec.**

\*Details 7:45 -John - Seth Kenney (took Cynthia Esthimer's place) lives in the neighborhood. New director starts in two weeks.

\*Push for electronic gates in and out.

## **Item #4 Membership**

\*Details 7:50 - Amy - On line survey - what people want from membership. Perceptions? Google Survey? Monkey Survey?

\*Scott - 25% response is a good return

- \*John - change Lake Maspenock FB page to another name.
- \*Mike - two years ago reigned in by admin. because of spamming, etc.
- \*Jaime - changed because it's a business page and FB dictates only admin can approve. Tried to change back.

Sabine and Amy will work on an upgraded FB page.

**Item #5 Community Building**

\*Details - 8:10 Sabine - What are we building membership for? Poll those we know to help with events.

\*Yvonne - If we build a community , activities, etc, they will come.

\*Sabine - the stigma is *"I don't live on the Lake.*

Upcoming: September 19 - meet and greet at Sabine's

September 24 - Chili; medal instead of trophy. Membership forms on the table.

**Item #5 Master Plans:**

\*Details: 8:20 - Mike: He & Scott on 9/18, will meet with ConCom with Ron's presentation for their review. They will discuss: 1. Filtration 2. Run-off 3. Working with the board to get herbicide passed. Appears science is not being used, but using anecdotal vs. facts and data.

5-10-30 year plan.

\*Scott, PKT - how to prove the lake is dying or out of balance? Anecdotal needs expert

\*Scott - send article to membership and announce drawdown update.

**Item #6: Next Meeting - Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at Jaime's**

Details:

**ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting ended at 8:40pm.

Minutes submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: Paula Toomey, Secretary

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: Jaimie Gongalves President