



## LMPA Meeting Minutes - January 14, 2026

**Meeting Started:** 7:00

**Attendees:** Sabine St. Pierre, Amy Uliss, Yvonne Riley, Mark Sexton, John Coutinho, Scott Colwell, Mike Riley. **Not Attending:** Paula Toomey, Don Doucette

**Guests:** Don Kaiser, Andrew Racca, Dave Connors from Upton LPS (lakes, ponds, streams)

**November Meeting Minutes:** Approved

**Finances:** Yvonne:

- Starting: \$24,654.67
- Finish \$24,464.09
  - Net change: \$809.42
  - Income: \$1080,23
  - Expenses: \$270.81
- Harvey reimbursed us \$750 for the dumpster

**Marathon Update:** Andrew, Yvonne & Sabine

- Yvonne reviewed our history of sponsoring runners in the Marathon and how the money raised is used and how important it is
- Sabine spoke about the process of choosing the runner
- Andrew spoke about giving back to the community (his parents now live on Lake Maspenock). Has an uncle who ran the marathon 12 times supporting blind runners
- Progress on fund raising; Andrews goal is to raise \$7,000
  - Donations ramping up. At \$3,500 as of today
  - His company will match \$1,700
  - Working with his brother-in-law who owns a company that will donate
  - Friends with company matches still to donate
  - Possible events

- Superbowl Squares, March Madness,
  - Thinking about doing a Polar Plunge at the lake
- Andrew will work with Corey with Corey coordinating Lake donations
- Andrew is looking for stories that people have about the lake that he can include in his fund raising activities

### **Communication**

- Website: Sabine provided an update for Don.
  - Added adopt a drain to the website
  - Events listed on website
- Dave Connors mentioned that there may be state funding for storm drainage

### **Preservation/ Education**

- Lake Level – Mark
  - Drawdown only achieved 7' max. Could not reach the 9 ' drawdown due to early ice which caused a gap between water & ice
  - Lake is coming up now
- Sediment testing – Sabine
  - No residual herbicide off west main or boat ramp, very slight pesticide in sediment at the boat ramp area
  - Dave C. - Phosphorous levels in Pratt Pond were a little high. Pratt Pond does herbicides each year
    - Sabine to share Dave's contact info with Kerry and Shaun McAuliffe (Hopkinton)
- Ron Haley Plan
  - Scott & Mike to prepare an update for Ron on what we've done with the plan next meeting
    - Ron is updating the drone footage – we'll look at that in the Feb meeting
- Dell/EMC property update: Scott
  - Mike Riley arranged a video meeting on 12/1 with Elaine Lazarus (town manager); Meredith H & Mike P (Sudbury Valley Trust); Steve Levandosky, Ed Harrow, Mori Gasser, and Scott C.
  - Elaine reviewed the history of the town attempting to work with EMC including the town getting an appraisal of the land and EMC getting an appraisal. The two appraisals were very far apart and the discussions ended.

- Next Steps: Steve Levandoski will attempt to get in contact with Mike Fitzgerald or his brother Paul to open up lines of communication
- Scott sent a follow-up email to Meredith H. and Mike P. to see if any progress has been made. Will follow-up in a week or so if there is not a response.
- Don K & Sabine met with Judy Day, Anna Rogers, Geoff Rowland, Julia Chen regarding the 25' zone. This is now 100' in Hopkinton. Cannot use phosphorous near the buffer zone
  - Con Com does not do anything to enforce rules
  - Don K talked about how nitrogen & phosphorous feed plants
  - LMPA will continue to focus on education thru the website, Facebook, email & meetings. Will include the laws & fines
  - John C. & Sabine discussed adding a link on Native Plantings, possibly identify a few households for people that are doing it right
  - Mike suggested having Angels doing a class on Native plantings that LMPA would support
  - Sabine met with Holliston Lake Winthrop to collaborate what we've been doing
- Education: Mark
  - Boating Certification with the EP for Members
    - Monday night, Tuesday night, and following Monday at the Masonic Lodge on Jan 26, 27 & Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. 5-8, 5-8, 5-7 on last day
    - Class is full
  - Sabine posted on Facebook where it can be done over the next 2 months
  - It can also be done online
  - Add the link to the website
- Safety Bin:
  - Paula provided a list of potential items for the safety bin. This will be discussed at our meeting in February
  - Don to do decals for the safety bin

### **Community:**

- Welcome buckets/bins: Amy gave an update on the Welcome Wagon buckets
  - 7 new welcome wagon buttons being distributed
- Spring Fling Update – no charge for the room
- John C. to call Benz container to see what he can get for a price on dumpster
- Start line for General Meeting – May 11<sup>th</sup>
- All events are on the LMPA calendar on the website

**Motion to Adjourn:** 8:54 pm

**Next Meeting:** Feb 16 at 6:30 pm at Don & Colleen's

## **Exhibit A**

Notes sent to the group by Don D. regarding MA Boating Certification following the November meeting:

## **Reciprocity with Other States**

The key is the **NASBLA** standard:

- **NASBLA-Approved Courses:** Massachusetts will generally **recognize and accept** boating education certificates from other states, territories, and Canadian provinces, provided the course meets the requirements of the **National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)**. Most states' official boating safety courses are NASBLA-approved.
- **Non-Residents:** A **non-resident** operating a boat in Massachusetts waters is typically allowed to use a boater safety education certificate issued by their approved jurisdiction.

**In summary:** If you or a family member already hold a valid Boater Safety Card/Certificate issued by another state, and that certificate was obtained by passing a nationally-approved (NASBLA) course, it should satisfy the new Massachusetts requirement. It must be carried on board the vessel while operating.

It's up to the individual to determine whether their license/certificate was obtained by completing a NASBLA-approved course.

The information above was summarized from the law exceptions

page: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/mass-general-laws-c90b-ss-9e#>