

**Highland Lake Leadership Team  
Education and Outreach Committee  
July 12, 2022, Notes**

**In attendance:**

Gretchen Anderson  
Elias Young  
Nancy Lightbody  
Ali Clift  
Dennis Brown

Diann Wood  
Amanda Pratt  
Kevin McElearney  
Tom Verlee

**Item 1 - Quorum Established**

**Item 2 - Public Comment**

Opened and closed. No public comment.

**Item 3 – Review minutes from 05/17/2022 meeting**

Nancy moved to accept. Dennis seconded. Minutes accepted unanimously.

**Item 4 – ‘Lake-Friendly Landscaping’ vegetative buffer presentation on May 24: How did it go? Ideas going forward?**

- 13 people present and 29 people online.
- 48 views on YouTube video following training.
- Good feedback. Other attendees from different lakes thought it was great.
- For specific landscaping – pointing them in a general direction.
  - Look for key words to pinpoint result.
  - Give good buffer and associated landscapers shoutouts on HLA Facebook page.
- Look for presenters that have background on information or provide canned presentation for them to fill in their specific information.
- Thank You card from presenter, Sara Boudreau, attached below.

**Item 5 – Annual HLA meeting on July 21 at 6:30: All set with some results from the annual survey? How else can E&O help at this point?**

- Meeting will be hybrid.
- Agenda is finalized.
  - Game warden speaking on new boating license requirement and boat wakes and prop wash.
  - Highlights
    - Overlook Road 319 project, Eaglet tagging, landscaping workshop.
  - Missed annual survey window and will be sending it out following annual meeting.
  - New logo.
    - Kevin to send files to Ali to update.
  - Gretchen will print off documents for literature table.

**Item 6 – BMP pick list: Updates?**

- Ali to send information to Gretchen to update document.

**Item 7 – Continuing education for road associations: Any more interest in road walks? What about a road-specific newsletter?**

- Wrong time of year and will revisit in the fall or next year.
- Focusing more on invasive plant education.
  - Kevin will update one-sheeter on the HLA website and send to road associations.

**Item 8 – Review and assign Education and Outreach Plan FY23 Tasks**

- Reviewed FY22 tasks

- Outstanding
  - Roads
    - Maintenance and budgeting workshop
    - 1 on 1 road assistance
      - Falmouth Public Works walked Kevin's Road
        - Inquire about Windham conducting similar.
        - Gretchen will reach out to Public Works and see if they're amenable to doing something similar.
- Reviewed FY23 tasks
  - Yard Erosion
    - BMP Workshops
    - Walking Tours – *determined most valuable*. Coincides with BMP picklist.
      - YouTube videos on BMP in the working environment.
      - Dianne, Tom, Dennis, or Kevin to establish example properties for us to review.
      - Ali and Gretchen to spend time filming (estimated day or so).
    - Neighborhood Install Days
  - Shoreline Buffers
    - Demonstration Install Days
    - 'Open Yards' – merge with yard walking tour videos.
- Reviewed project timeline (pg. 3)
  - Start evaluating Phase I tasks to implement in 2024-2029.

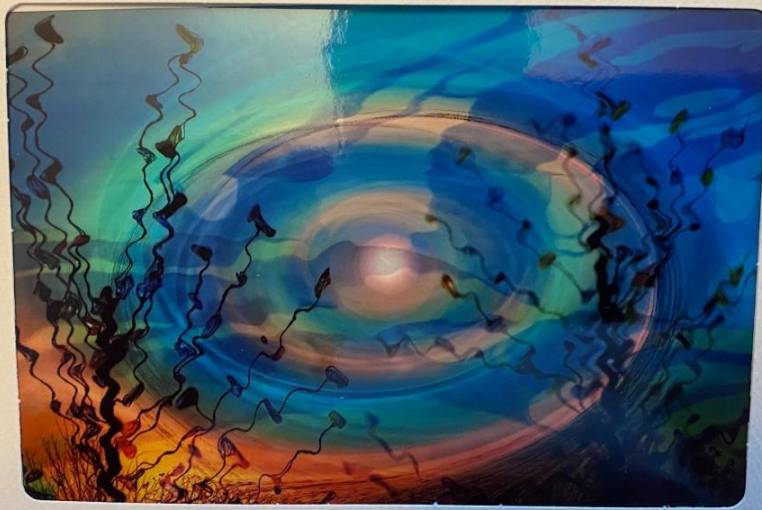
#### **Item 9 – Other business?**

- Amanda as accepted new role at Portland Water District. Last day on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Forward any information to Alex Wong ([alex.wong@maine.gov](mailto:alex.wong@maine.gov)) at DEP on/after that date.
- Discussion of new properties owners – Tom estimates 720 properties have lake access (either deeded or shoreline).
  - Start planning for republishing education materials for new residents.
- HLA Facebook group stats
  - Good traffic.
  - Suggestion to space out content and review analytics to optimize activity.
- Lake Friendly living document will be updated to include boat wake section.
  - HLA will prioritize information to include in handout.
  - Potentially separate boat wake and prop wash section.

#### **Item 10 – Schedule next E&O meeting**

- Dennis will work to schedule meeting with LSLA for boat tour of Little Sebago.

**Adjourned at 11:20 am.**



Dear Dennis and the Highland Lake Team,  
I would very much like to thank  
all of you for offering me the chance to  
speak at your May 24th meeting to discuss  
protecting the lake and incorporating native  
plants into the landscape. It was an honor  
to be of help in this important work.

Also, I am so very grateful for the  
gift card for the Barn at Smith Farm,  
and I can assure you that it will be  
used with great pleasure! Working with  
everyone, and learning from all of you,  
is an experience that I shall treasure.  
With gratitude and thanks,  
Sarah D.