

Education and Outreach Committee (Highland Lake Leadership Team) Minutes of April 29, 2019, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Falmouth Town Hall

Members present: Chris Brewer, Dennis Brown, Chantal Scott, Kimberly Darling, Rosie Hartzler, Donna Chapman, Nancy Lightbody, Gretchen Anderson (by telephone)

- The minutes for March 11, 2019, were accepted as revised.
- Public Service Announcements
Rosie reported that she had met with Mrs. Hurgin (a science teacher in Windham Middle School and Dominic Cataldi (a sixth grade student) about developing a PSA about an issue that we are confronting at Highland Lake. Dominic was featured in the *Windham Eagle* and the *Lakes Region Weekly* some time ago in terms of another PSA that he had developed and that may run on Windham's public service channel very soon. He and another student, Molly, are interested in creating a PSA perhaps about invasive species or the importance of keeping phosphorus out of the Lake. Nancy will give Rosie several different documents and resources relating to invasive terrestrial plants.
Thanks to names on a list developed by Gretchen of possible technology-oriented teachers at Windham Middle School and Windham High School, Rosie will reach out to WHS environmental science teacher Jeff Riddle to brainstorm some ideas with him.
- Road Association Meetings
John Maclaine has changed his role to that of training and has agreed to help Dennis and the leaders of the road associations participate in road walks. It was suggested that at some point in the future there might be a "Round Robin" in which one night a month there might be training/walks at a different lake.
- Update on the Public Forum
We will wait for more information.
- Lawn Care Events
There was a brief discussion of these and tying them into LakeSmart living.
- Vacuum Trucks
There was a brief discussion of whether the large trucks that clean municipal catch basins might be able to add more catch basins around the Lake for an additional fee even if these are on private lands. This is usually done near the end of June or the beginning of July. Gretchen agreed to look into it to see if this would be possible.
- Recent Grants awarded to the HLA
The HLA recently received \$10,000 from Falmouth and \$13,500 from Windham to be used as 100% matching grants for mitigating erosion sites identified in the 2018 Watershed Survey. The HLA has already established a committee, which is working to determine procedures to be followed in the implementation of this grant money. Chantal paid for 50 copies of the Portland Water District's "Lakes

Like "Less Lawn" magazine to have available. In October 129 letters were sent out, but perhaps only the highest priority sites should be contacted.

- Continuing Education at the HLA Annual Meeting
There was a discussion of useful informational materials that might be made available beginning at 5:00 p.m. before the potential 6:00 p.m. start of the Annual Meeting on July 18, 2019. This would be before the Annual Meeting's focus on a water quality update by Karen Wilson and how to take better care of landowners' property and therefore better care of the Lake. Chris offered to make available soil testing kits, other fact sheets, and maybe even Ali (the CCSWCD education and outreach coordinator). Donna suggested making grab bags with relevant material, maybe packets of native seeds, etc. Additional ideas will be discussed at the next E&O meeting.
- The next **VERY EFFICIENT** E&O meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 19, 2019, from 3:00 to 4:15 p.m.** in Falmouth.