

Highland Lake Leadership Team: Education and Outreach Committee

Revised Minutes of October 22, 2018, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Falmouth Town Hall

Members present: Dennis Brown, Chantal Scott, Kimberly Darling, Cathy Costa, Nancy Lightbody, Gretchen Anderson (by phone), and Heather Huntt (by phone)

- New committee member Cathy Costa was welcomed.
- The minutes for May 15, 2018, were unanimously accepted as written.
- Joint web site for Windham and Falmouth: highlandlakeleadershipteam.org
Thank you, Gretchen! HLLT committees should send their minutes, agendas, and other information to Gretchen, who will post them when she can.
- Public Forum
Karen Wilson will be the featured speaker at the 2nd Public Forum to be held in Falmouth in early April 2019. Several possible topics were discussed:
 - What we did and didn't learn from this year's water quality testing: What was our hypothesis? What were the results? What will we do in 2019?
 - The results of the watershed survey, in conjunction with CCSWCD's Highland Lake Watershed Management Plan that is due to come out soon. (It needs to be signed off by the EPA, so it should be finished in late December or January.)
 - Lower lake levels due primarily to much less rain in May (only ½" compared with the usual 4") and the open fishway that was clearing out the alewives in spite of the beavers

Dennis will check Karen's schedule availability

Kimberly will check the schedule of the Falmouth Schools

Need to be sure to include an opportunity for volunteers to sign up for various related projects.

- Road Maintenance and Repair Seminar
Dennis reported that \$40,000 was spent on road repair in part from what was learned at the Road Seminar. Chantal suggested that this information should be put in the HLA newsletter. Dennis suggested that a follow-up seminar could be held with a walk down a road with numerous opportunities on how to repair the problems. Gretchen suggested a field day in which people would get to do some of the work. The end of May was a good time to hold this (before Memorial Day weekend and the various annual road association meetings).

Rosie will ask the *Forecaster* to follow up on this year's article featuring Rosie and Dennis. Maybe we should create a press release about this past year's accomplishments. Cathy, Dennis, and hopefully Rosie will follow up with the *Windham Eagle*.

- **Restriction in the Use of Pesticides and Fertilizers**
Since the Falmouth Conservation Commission's ordinance is still in the draft stage, it seems to make sense to wait until Falmouth's ordinance has been developed a little more. At that point, Falmouth will share it with Windham and highlight what it has learned in the process.

To help with education of residents CCSWCD could give YardScaping presentations in Windham and in Falmouth. (They did one in Falmouth this past year). Maybe this can be done in conjunction with the buffer project? Information about these educational workshops could be handed out at the Public Forum in April.

- **Agenda items deferred until the next E&O meeting:**
 - Project-based learning: best way(s) to continue outreach to Windham and Falmouth schools (Rosie)
 - 2nd Science Roundtable: to be held sometime in December 2018
 - Buffer Planting Projects (Chantal)
- The next E&O meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 28, 2018, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** in Falmouth.