

Highland Lake Leadership Team: Education and Outreach Committee Minutes of May 15, 2018, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Falmouth Town Hall

Members present: Dennis Brown, Gretchen Anderson, Rosie Hartzler, Chantal Scott, John Maclaine, Kimberly Darling, Nancy Lightbody, and Donna Chapman by phone

- The minutes for April 27, 2018, were unanimously accepted as written.
- Upcoming meetings and presentations with road associations
Dennis reported that eight road association leaders have responded so far for his seminar on May 23 at 5:00 p.m. The location had to be moved to the South Windham Fire Station because of so many interested people not only from Highland Lake but also from Forest Lake. At the event there will be a sign-up sheet, a presentation by John Maclaine, and Gretchen's informational handout. Dennis will ask for the names of all roads that are in each road association.
- Road materials
 - There was a discussion of the idea of buying the correct materials in bulk for all the Windham roads near all the lakes and whether the towns would be willing to do this. There needs to be a list of the types of materials that should be used and where these products are available. There needs to be a discount on these materials so that it would be reasonable for residents to purchase the correct materials. Dennis agreed to reach out to the full HLLT and then the Town of Windham: "You don't have to pay to solve some of these problems." Gretchen will talk with the Windham Director of Public Works, and John will make available a list of DOT-certified individuals and companies.
 - Rosie brought up the topic of cultural morays of road associations and how to facilitate people working together. The biggest impediment seems to be people not getting along. Maybe there should be a "Congress of Road Associations" with group buying-power: a good deal for one that would help others.
- Outreach to schools with project-based learning
There was a discussion about using Highland Lake as a working laboratory and coordinating with the Portland Water District, the DEP, and CCSWCD. Maybe grad students could work with and mentor students in the public schools. We could find out the status of what is being done in each school system and facilitate a connection with Highland Lake. Chantal agreed to coordinate with Holly McEwen in Falmouth, Kimberly will connect with Gary Glick at Falmouth High School, and Rosie will follow up in Windham.
- Buffer projects
 - Chantal emphasized that these are only small Highland Lake community efforts and NOT formal LakeSmart projects. The overriding goal is to be better stewards of the lake. Dennis suggested that we need to reach out to other lakes that have done buffer programs.
 - There was a discussion of appropriate medals. Gretchen suggested that there be medals of bronze, silver, gold, and then LakeSmart level. Another suggestion was blue, white, green, and then a star with ribbons. Next time E&O will discuss both a

formal approach through LakeSmart and an informal approach that is not through LakeSmart.

- It was suggested that on the HLA web site there be examples of well-buffered properties.
- Role of E&O in the Highland Lake Association annual meeting
Rosie asked whether E&O should be involved in the annual HLA meeting, which will include a follow-up of the Watershed Survey, an update from Karen Wilson about what is happening in the water, discussion of the implementation of the Watershed Management Grant, and a raffle for the HLA. It was decided that E&O should probably not be directly involved in the meeting but perhaps could help with publicity for it. Dennis suggested that there might be a goal of 40% membership attendance (as compared with the more usual 30%).
- Steps after the survey
John talked about how once we have the list of owners and the specific recommendations, there needs to be a list of how to address the needs and what the next steps are (i.e., grants). The initial mailing from the HLA, CCSWCD, and the DEP will prompt people who will just get the roads fixed. Donna said that no opt-out properties will receive the letter but wondered how to address these in the future. Currently there are about 12 opt-out properties.
- Rand Stables
There was a discussion about Heather's recent conversation with David Rand, who owns Rand Stables and has just put it on the market. If it doesn't sell, he would be willing to consider some improvements to it. Heather will thank him and perhaps in a few months will be able to walk the property for her survey. (John mentioned that there is money for manure storage.) Heather will also be reaching out to the Little Horse Farm to set up a site visit.
- Next E&O meeting will be by e-mail to discuss:
 - Buffer projects: Next steps
 - Watershed survey: Results
 - Publicity for the HLA Annual Meeting on July 19
- Upcoming events
 - May 19: Watershed Survey
 - May 23 at 5:00 p.m.: Road Maintenance and Repair Seminar.
 - Various dates: Road Association meetings
 - July 19: Highland Lake Association annual meeting
- Upcoming full HLLT meetings
 - June 19 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in ??