

Pattagansett Lake Association  
Board Meeting (1/9/240)

Secretary called the meeting to order at 7:05 at the Byrne household. Minutes from previous meeting on 11/9 were discussed, Don Danila moved to pass the minutes, Wendy Richardson second, so passed.

Treasurer report- Wendy provided the activity report showing a balance of \$10,318. Alison Davis moved to accept the report, Don second, so passed.

-Invasive Plant Grant Status – DEEP provided a webinar to review the AIS grant application process on Jan. 4, Don and Wendy attended. Don, Wendy and Mick to prepare our application, (RFP), to be submitted before Jan. 31. We will request \$18K, (minus 25% match DEEP requires), based on this past year's cost.

We qualify as a non-profit: Choose one- control and management, research or outreach

Amounts - \$75,000 max or \$10,000 min/least .

Need post treatment survey.

Grant needs- cover sheet, headers & footers, table of contents,

Executive summary-1 page proposal, overview of project.

Mick Byrne, President will be the contact person.

Endangered Plant Survey RFP- Don and Mick will finalize the RFP draft and send to three qualified bidders to provide the survey DEEP requires before a permit to use additional herbicides to treat non-invasive plants, (primarily the water lilies). Concerns over potential high cost for survey was discussed. Two local individuals have indicated they are interested in bidding on the project. The survey will be done this summer while the plants are in bloom, permit, if granted, and treatment to be in 2025.

Also discussed:

- CFL has grant opportunities available
- -Wendy wants a sign at the boat launch about cleaning boats
- -Ali- talk/email to DEEP about sign.
- Don will ask DEEP boating about educational sign about Hydrilla concern to be posted at the boat launch.  
-Dam- Alison Davis not sure if the work on the dam was completed. Alison will check back with the Town.

Don will send letter to the East Lyme Rowing Association, East Lyme High school Principal and Athletic Director, Superintendent of East Lyme Schools, and the rowing coach.

Letter will include educational information on Hydrilla, and the urgency with which we must prevent this from being brought into Pattagansett Lake. Boats must be carefully washed after traveling to other lakes, etc. We would also like financial support to help pay for the costs of cleaning up the lake, and around the boat launch area.

Discussion of Board attendance requirements – noted that Ed Waido has had 3 unexcused absences – (no call, no show).

Donna Byrne moved to excuse Ed from the Board, second Don, so removed from the Board.

Alison moved to adjourn at 8:30, second Wendy, adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary, Donna Byrne