

Highland Lake Education and Outreach Committee
Draft Minutes of March 22, 2018, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Falmouth Town Hall

Members present: Heather True, John MacLaine, Kimberly Darling, Gretchen Anderson, Rosie Hartzler, Donna Chapman, Chantal Scott, Nancy Lightbody, and Dennis Brown (by phone)

) The **minutes** for February 14, 2018, were unanimously accepted as written.

) **Feedback from the Public Forum** on March 21, 2018

- o Great questions from the audience
- o Good crowd attendance, especially since it had been postponed: just under 100
- o 3 town council members were present
- o The Facebook filming was difficult to hear
- o Kudos to Craig on his facilitation skills and how he kept the people on track
- o Possibility of a second forum to be organized later in the year

) **Development of timeline for the next six months**

The discussion focused on setting up educational opportunities with road associations.

April: Meetings with road associations

Dennis to reach out to the leaders, ask for their concerns, and with our help develop a 15-minute presentation

May through September: Technical assistance

John to conduct private road workshops and extend technical assistance with specific issues that the road associations have written down

Late May/June: Focus on residential topics in meetings with road associations

Chantal to get a group together to formulate an action plan

July/August: Second round of meetings with road associations

September/October: Educational workshops with trainings on different topics

- o How to form a road association
- o Legal issues (i.e., going over the regulations about what the town can and cannot do in regards to private roads)
- o Q and A: What issues do the road associations have?

Potential topics for road association meetings

- o Engaging people in the project of upgrading the road
- o Finding ways for improving how road associations interact
- o Introducing the need for road associations to have insurance
- o Importance of road associations becoming statutory road associations
- o Establishing a point of contact for each road association

Questions that came up

- Can the town mandate that a road association be required to meet certain standards because of the lake issues?
- What about the possibility of the town(s) helping with road upgrade?
- Can the DEP step in when the property is infringing on lake health?

Possible resources for road association meetings

- CCSWCD has held road association workshops to educate and give legal advice
- Maine Alliance for Road Associations
- Lakes Environmental Association

) Other topics discussed

- **Youth Conservation Corps:** Chantal talked about a possible resurgence of a YCC-type organization for a projected focus on buffer projects after the Watershed Survey.
- **Limnology class:** The possibility of a community **limnology class** with Karen Wilson was also mentioned, but this will be discussed later.

) Upcoming events

- Watershed Survey: May 19
- Highland Lake Association annual meeting: July 19

) Upcoming HLLT meetings

- April 5 from 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. in Falmouth: Next EOS meeting
- April 12 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon in Windham Town Hall: Full HLLT meeting