

Education and Outreach Committee (Highland Lake Leadership Team) Minutes of November 28, 2018, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Falmouth Town Hall

Members present: Dennis Brown, Chantal Scott, Kimberly Darling, Gretchen Anderson, Cathy Costa, Rosie Hartzler, Nancy Lightbody

- The minutes for October 22, 2018, were unanimously accepted as revised.
- Project-Based Learning (Rosie)
This topic was deferred until another time in the future.
- 2nd Science Roundtable (Dennis)
To be held sometime in early 2019 once the results from the 2018 lab analysis are completed. The sooner we can pin this down, the better. This is the reference point for communicating with the Towns, the community, HLA fundraising for the 2019 testing, etc.
- Buffer Planting Projects (Chantal)
The HLA will take the lead on this, with Tim Hawkins and John Mackinnon eager to help with the organization and implementation of the buffer effort. Kim White and Rosie will make a list of all sites identified in the Watershed Survey that could benefit from a buffer enhancement. Working with residents on the lake is a good way to get information about water quality directly to residents. Letters have been mailed to 106 residents as well as to the Road Associations about suggested improvements they should make. Maybe CCSWCD's Yardscaping program could be the launch of the 2019 buffer project. Gretchen will look into the possibility of activity days with students in both Windham and Falmouth school systems.
- Public Forum
Karen Wilson will be the featured speaker at the 2nd Public Forum to be held on April 10, 2019, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and going until 8:30 or 9:00 p.m.
 - Because of concerns that more lake residents live in Windham than Falmouth, it was decided to hold the meeting in Windham. Gretchen is going to look into hosting the forum in Windham for another year. She will work with the IT Department at the High School to see if it can be on Facebook Live/video. It was further decided that we do not need Craig Freshley to moderate it. Instead, Kimberly and Gretchen will be facilitators.
- Next steps for E&O
 - Wait for results of science study
 - The HLA could send out short messages on findings that come back from the labs to entice the residents to want to come to the forum to hear the full story.
 - It was suggested that it is not too early to tell people the date of the Public Forum (once finalized) and the fact that the scientific results will be in.

- It was suggested that E&O should be sure to inform Gretchen about its activities for the HLLT timeline that she is putting together.
 - There do not seem to be any budget needs/requests from E&O for the upcoming year.
- The next E&O meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 22, 2019, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** in Falmouth.