

Nashawannuck Pond Steering Committee Meeting 1/5/2026 call to order by Paul Nowak @5:47 PM

Roll call: Paul Davis, Amy Marsters, Beth Tiffany, absent Elaine Wood

Guests: Katie MacCallum

Approve meeting minutes from 12/1/2025 Paul D. motioned, Amy seconded, all in favor - aye.

- Farmer's Market - FONP paid \$50 for Farmer's Market
- Shoreline stabilization (retaining wall restoration and public access) - waiting for GZA and Mike Owens city procurement to get paperwork to go out to bid - Paul D. to follow up on this.(GZA worked with Greg Nuttleman about how much curbing is available and Michael Owens for information to go out to bid, probably in January. Paid GZA \$4850, 50% to complete construction plans.)
- Cyanobacteria - Allison Ryan sending emails about new product to treat cyanobacteria blooms, Paul N. and Paul D. corresponding
- Eva - CPA - sent an email wanting to know if we had any projects for 2026 - Paul N. has done research following a discussion, Paul N. is going to tell her the "Viewing Platform" at the edge of the pond. Paul D. to ask to Eva about permitting and how to handle it.

- HOLD - Pond Management Plan - Eva Gerstle, Conservation Agent/CPA Coordinator emailed March 2025, they may be asking for a plan. No discussion, keep on agenda.
- HOLD - Discussion of silt in gabion weir & siltation basin to be on agenda for future

NPSC Winterfest -

- CitySpace - We set up @ 9:00 - pond table with volunteer checkin, face painter, help sponsors set up, set up chairs and greeter tables. Paul D. knows what has to happen - We can use everyone here for this but one person to help set up at the Library annex a greeter table & help Dick bring in Family Jungle.
- 50 Payson ave - Elaine will be there, with volunteers Davis Ram, Jillian for horses and Paul N. for ice harvesting
- Beth to contact sponsors to see who will be tabling @ CitySpace.
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WINTERFEST - FONP - for reference only

- Beth to follow up with Veronica - Chili tasting - Veronica - conversation about using Excel for final tally, this seems to be the bottleneck. Notes from Bri when checking people in - Can we have restaurant labels for allergens? i/e. Onions, garlic, gluten free, dairy free. People were disappointed we ran out of chili - should we change the time? Or just emphasis on restaurants bringing enough? Also emphasis on the event

page “come early will serve till we run out. Reviewed the takeaways and Veronica to start reaching out. Beth to follow up, shared chili file

- Sponsorships @ \$14,100, 44 G.C valued at \$1490
- New City Brewery trivia is January 11th @3:00 (no end time) Beth will be there to talk about FONP WinterFest etc. They are also having arm wrestling 2/7
- Polar Plunge - Beth Working with Patrick Eline - for MC'ing, etc. They want to make Polar Plunge T- shirts, they design with our logos and ?? they will purchase, we sell and all proceeds come to FONP - we will then reimburse them the cost of T-shirts- still in discussion, will need a future vote.
- See <https://www.nashawannuckpond.org/winterfest.html> for events so far
- Snowflake making contest - we'll figure out when to judge them - who can reach out to winners perhaps Tayelor or Seraina - Beth to ask

adjourned 6:45 Paul made a motion, Amy seconded all in favor aye.

Next meeting 2.3.26 5:45.