



TO: All MPPA Members
FROM: MPPA Board of Directors
RE: NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
DATE of NOTICE: July 4, 2014

The Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Messer Pond Protective Association will be held at the First Baptist Church in New London, 461 Main Street, on Saturday, July 19, 2014, at 3:30 p.m. The business meeting will commence at 4:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To elect all directors and officers;
2. To hear a presentation on the Messer Pond Watershed Nonpoint Source Management Plan;
3. To hear brief reports;
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Please remember that you must be a member in good standing with dues paid for 2014 and at least 18 years of age in order to vote. A membership application is attached, should you need one.

A two (2) page Proxy is attached for your convenience. If you choose to use the Proxy please follow the instructions on the next page and return the two (2) Proxy pages to:

MPPA Secretary
PO Box 103
New London, NH 03257

The intent of the Proxy is to provide a voting means to those members unable to attend the Annual Meeting. However, you may still attend the Annual Meeting if you have submitted a Proxy. When you register at the Annual Meeting you may choose to either uphold your Proxy or you may withdraw your Proxy which, in turn, will allow you to vote at the Annual Meeting.

By the order of the Board of Directors,

John Doyle
President
Messer Pond Protective Association

PROXY

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On the election of the officers and directors listed below please check one (For or Against or Abstain) or write in a name on the line below for each position:

President John Doyle FOR ___ AGAINST ___ ABSTAIN ___

Vice-President _____ FOR ___ AGAINST ___ ABSTAIN ___

Secretary Alison Hennig FOR ___ AGAINST ___ ABSTAIN ___

Treasurer Dick Denise FOR ___ AGAINST ___ ABSTAIN ___

Director Scott Ellison FOR ___ AGAINST ___ ABSTAIN ___

Director David Hennig FOR ___ AGAINST ___ ABSTAIN ___

Director Susan Maguire Shock FOR ___ AGAINST ___ ABSTAIN ___

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Director _____ FOR ___ AGAINST ___ ABSTAIN ___

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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On the item to accept the attached minutes from the July 20, 2013 Annual Meeting please check one (For or Against or Abstain):

FOR ____ AGAINST ____ ABSTAIN ____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, July 20, 2013
4:00 – 5:30 PM

The 17th Annual Messer Pond Protective Association Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. A brief tribute was made to member Jim Byrne, who passed away last October, and to Bruce Haskell, early Messer Ponder since 1957 and founding member of MPPA, who passed away in January.

- 2013 Ballot. The ballot of officers was presented, after which a motion was made and seconded to accept as presented. The following officers were then unanimously elected and officially sworn in to serve a one-year term for the 2013-2014 season, effective July 20, 2013:

President:	John Doyle
Vice-President:	Dave Hennig
Secretary:	Alison Hennig
Treasurer:	Dick Denise
Director:	Rody Denise
Director:	Sue Maguire Shock
Director:	Scott Ellison
Director:	Barbara Troxell
Ex-Officio:	Nancy Stetson

- Minutes of 2012 Annual Meeting. Minutes of last year’s Annual Meeting (7/28/12), were unanimously approved as presented.
- Amendment to Bylaws. A motion was made to change the bylaws to allow the Annual Meeting to take place in July or August; currently the bylaws state the meeting must take place in July. The preference is to continue holding the meeting in July but the Board would like the option for August in case of difficulty securing a meeting location. The motion was then seconded and unanimously approved.

MPPA 2013 -2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Doyle	Dave Hennig	Dick Denise	Alison Hennig	Rody Denise	Scott Ellison	Sue Maguire Shock	Barbara Troxell	Nancy Stetson
<i>President</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Director</i>	<i>Director</i>	<i>Director</i>	<i>Director</i>	<i>Ex-officio</i>

- **Signage.** A proposal was made to erect two signposts on County Road which would each hold two signs, one north facing near Tracy Road and the other south facing near Burpee Hill Road, to announce (1) ENTERING MESSER POND WATERSHED Please HELP KEEP IT CLEAN, and (2) THIS PORTION OF COUNTY RD ADOPTED BY MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION. Discussion: Nancy displayed a prototype of the signs. Maximum cost is \$500 for the four signs. She also explained the town-wide volunteer “Keeping New London Presentable” campaign, which MPPA volunteers have been participating in by picking up trash at least once a month during three seasons. Bob Brown suggested adding the MPPA website address on the sign. He also provided contact information for a sign company that could produce the signs at a reasonable cost. A suggestion was made to consider these signs and trash pickup in the future on Bog Road as well. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to purchase the signs with the website address added, and the town would then erect them on County Road, pending approval by the New London Board of Selectmen.

Next, a proposal was made to install two signs on either end of Forest Acres Road and two signs on either end of Fieldstone Lane to request that pet owners to pick up their pet waste. The sign would read, YOU ARE IN THE MESSER POND WATERSHED Please PROTECT THE POND BY PICKING UP AFTER YOUR PET. Maximum cost for each of the two sets of signs is \$300. Pet waste is detrimental to any watershed as it contributes both total phosphorous and E. coli to the waterbody via stormwater runoff. Dog walkers who do not pick up their waste are breaking the law and allowing pollution into the pond. Discussion followed about the necessity and desirability of such signs. Some of the comments and concerns included:

- Signs are not in keeping with rural character of Messer Pond;
- Individual homeowners could post a small sign on their own property;
- Homeowners should provide awareness to their guests who bring pets;
- More education efforts could be undertaken;
- MPPA funds could be better spent.

Two separate votes were taken regarding pet signage on Forest Acres, and on Fieldstone Lane. In both cases, the majority votes were Against the signage. Both motions were defeated.

- Individual reports by outgoing board members were presented in a PowerPoint presentation available on the MPPA website at <http://www.messerpond.org>. Following is a brief summary of the reports.
 - a) Vice President: Terri discussed the success of the lake hosting and weed watching programs. These protective programs have kept Messer Pond free of exotic “aquatic nuisance species”. She shared statistics regarding the volunteer and paid lake hosts and boat inspections. New Hampshire is experiencing a growing threat from Asian Clam, Chinese Mystery Snail, Zebra & Quagga Mussels, Didymo and Spiny Water Flea. NH Lakes and NH DES are encouraging a new educational program called “Clean, Drain, and Dry” to ensure that microscopic invasives are not transported on boats. Volunteers were all thanked for their efforts. We continually need volunteers, so please consider signing up for these important programs.

On behalf of the MPPA Board of Directors and entire membership, outgoing VP Terri was given a huge thanks for her many years of service on the Board, and was presented with a gift.

- b) Treasurer: Dick presented the profit and loss balance sheet, and reported that we currently have assets of \$10,533 in the bank from donations, member dues and town milfoil protection grant. Dick also reported on the 2nd year of NH Lakes Lake Conservation Corps Stormwater Management Projects. Three additional properties on the pond were treated to stormwater management installations with labor

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provided by New London Boy Scout Troop 71 and friends. This brings the total to seven properties, with four being installed the prior summer.

- c) Secretary: Alison reported that as of today we have 102 members, plus any renewals that came in today. The updated membership list will be distributed after the renewals are processed. We welcomed our newest members, Doug and Pam Adamian, and Robert and Tina Morris and family. Minutes of meetings are available on the MPPA website.
- d) Watershed Management: Dave reported on the recent completion of a Messer Pond overlay on the Assessor's database which includes 135 members and 55 addresses. This list of homeowners will be used for educational mailings about the Messer Pond watershed. Dave also reported a successful Spring Cleanup.
- e) Education & Activities: Barbara reported a successful 4th of July Barbecue and Regatta with record attendance of 78. This year the two events were combined because Labor Day weekend was losing favor for the regatta. The Fall Luncheon was held at Sunapee View Bed & Breakfast and was also a great success. There was no Holiday Wine & Cheese this past year due to lack of a host home.
- f) Fish, Wildlife & Safety: Regarding wildlife issues, Dave reported that the Canada Geese are not a nuisance this year. MPPA hired a professional trapper to live relocate a nuisance beaver that had caused some minor local tree damage.
- g) Water Quality: John reported a decline in water quality from the state VLAP reports, which indicate rising levels of phosphorous, pH and chlorophyll to the point of Messer Pond now being designated as "impaired". Due to this trend, the Board proposes undertaking an engineered Watershed Management Plan to identify sources and solutions. The cost could be from \$10K to \$30K over a period of 1 to 1.5 years, with the lower figure representing significant volunteer participation in portions of the study. We would intend to apply for grants to offset part of the cost. The study will help determine if there are actions that can be taken to correct the problem, such as reducing road salting by the Town, reducing local use of fertilizers, etc. The membership was asked for opinions on whether we should continue best management practices and monitoring, or to engage a firm to perform/develop a Watershed Management Plan. Following discussion, there was generally favorable response and support for going forward with the Watershed Management Plan from the membership.

Outgoing President Nancy Stetson was praised for her many years of service on the Board and was given a gift from the MPPA Board. She will continue to participate on the Board for the next year in *ex-officio* capacity.

Board members and volunteers were all thanked for a successful year, and the meeting adjourned at 5:30, followed by a potluck dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Hennig
Secretary, Messer Pond Protective Association

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**Please DONATE TO and/or JOIN
MESSER POND PROTECTIVE
ASSOCIATION for calendar year 2014**



To pay with PayPal before filling out form [click here](#)

*MPPA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) public charity.
Your donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.*

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Status: Renewal New Member

Name(s):

Street Address:

P.O. Box:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email(s):

Alternate Address or Winter Address (if different from above)

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email:

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Annual Dues - Individual - \$35

Couple - \$45

Family - \$50

Donations - General Fund

Messer Pond Watershed Management Plan Fund

Capital Reserve Fund

Wildlife Program

Lake Hosting Program

Water Quality Testing (VLAP) Program

Pre-Order "On Messer Pond" Calendar 2015 - \$15 each

NEW MPPA Note Cards - Nature of Messer Pond 1 Pack of 8 - \$15

Original MPPA Note Cards - Aerial View of Messer Pond 2 Packs of 8 - \$10

MPPA T-Shirts - Please indicate quantity and size below - \$15 each

Also, please indicate tee color and design choice in the Comments Box.

See bottom of form or www.messerpond.org/forsale for choices and all items for sale.

Child S Child M Child L
Adult M Adult L Adult XL Adult XXL

TOTAL \$

Please make check payable to MPPA and mail to address above. Thank you!

Note: Contributions are tax-deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

VOLUNTEERING - Please help if you can - We need volunteers!

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| Lake Hosting | <input type="checkbox"/> | Membership Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Weed Watching | <input type="checkbox"/> | Educational Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Water Quality Monitoring | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other Short-term Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Watershed Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | Serving on the Board | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Water Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> | Newsletter Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fish and Wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> | Website Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> |

COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS:

NOTE:

T-shirt colors include: white, red, royal blue, purple, black, gray, dark green, bright green, yellow, turquoise
T-shirt designs include: MPPA Logo (original design), Pink Sunset, Blue Sunset, Loon, Heron, Red Squirrel, Barred Owl, Painted Turtle, Mallards, Lupines or any other Messer Pond calendar photo

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! You may wish to print this page for your records.
Please click the **Submit Form** button when finished.

2014 MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION



19TH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & PICNIC

- DATE** Saturday, July 19th, 2014 (rain or shine), 3:30 p.m.
- PLACE** First Baptist Church in New London (*see directions on next page*)
- COST** \$3.00 per Adult, \$1.00 per Child, \$8.00 max per Family
- AGENDA**
- 3:30 Registration
- 4:00 Business Meeting (remember you must have paid your dues for 2014 and be at least 18 years old to vote)
- Election of Officers & Directors
 - Presentation on the Messer Pond Watershed Nonpoint Source Management Plan
 - Brief Reports
 - Membership Q & A
- 5:30 Potluck Picnic
- Please bring either a Main Dish or a Salad (green, potato, pasta, etc.) Please make your recipe to serve at least 8 people and please provide the serving utensil. To ensure proper return of your platters and utensils please label with your name. There will be a beautiful and delicious sheet cake for dessert.
- RSVP** Please reply to Barbara Troxell at 526-7807 or bstrox@gmail.com by Monday, July 14th, with the number of people in your party and what you will be bringing to the Potluck Picnic (a main dish or a salad). *Please tell Barbara if you have any children who will be attending.*
- TIDBITS** Soft drinks, coffee/tea, plates, cups, glasses, flatware and napkins will be provided.

Please – No Alcohol – for liability reasons

DIRECTIONS TO THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

461 Main Street, New London, NH

From County Road, head north on County Road toward the hospital. At the roundabout (intersection with Newport Road) take the first right onto Newport Road. Continue east as it changes to Main Street with Springledge Farm on the left. Continue all the way past the Town Green on the left. The First Baptist Church is on the left at the corner of Seamans Road and Main Street just before Colby-Sawyer College. The parking lot is just after the church on the left. Please enter through the side door off the parking lot.

From Bog Road, head north on Bog Road toward the cemetery. At the stop sign turn left onto Knights Hill Road and then a quick right onto South Pleasant Street. At the blinking light/stop sign turn right onto Main Street. Continue past the Town Green on the left. The First Baptist Church is on the left at the corner of Seamans Road and Main Street just before Colby-Sawyer College. The parking lot is just after the church on the left. Please enter through the side door off the parking lot.