

MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
February 13, 2019

Present:

John Doyle, President  
Dick Showalter, Treasurer  
Scott Ellison, Director  
Sue Shock, Director  
Nancy Stetson, Director  
Donna Doyle

Absent:

NA

Via Conference Call:

Ethan Simon, Director  
Tom McCauley, Director

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present. Bullet style minutes are presented below. Donna Doyle filled in to help take meeting notes.

- Minutes from the November 14, 2018 were approved as circulated.
- Business Items
  - A report for the Town of New London's Annual report was submitted. This report will be distributed as part of the membership update.
- Watershed Management Plan Status
  - A. Watershed Grant Status
    - The NHDES will not accept the "Pollution Loading Summary" done by Fuss and O'Neill as a substitute for the SSPP. The NHDES provided some examples of the information and format they require.
    - The Board reviewed the recommendations from the watershed survey conducted by Gabe Bolin of Stone Environmental. The survey addresses the Upper County Road Brook portion of the watershed. The recommendations that target issues on Burpee Hill Road have been reviewed with the DPW and scheduled for installation as part of their spring road work.
    - Grant Amendment Status – awaiting an update from NHDES.
    - The Board discussed options for topics and frequency for future communications to the watershed, specifically addressing topics such as septic maintenance, the proposed work on Burpee Hill and fertilizer use. Target for a second outreach letter – late spring/early summer.
    - The board discussed options for improving the response to the proposed Septic Survey. Some of the options discussed were offering the opportunity to participate the septic discount program and entry in a dinner gift certificate drawing.
    - The LSPA is in the process of scheduling a lake association meeting in either late March or early April.
    - The MPPA has been asked to participate in a panel discussion at the 2019 NALMS conference.

- Membership/Recruitment
  - Board discussed the General membership letter and what topics to include. The cover letter will be distributed for review and the target is to send the update out by the end of February.
  - Board approved maintaining membership dues at the same level for the coming year.
  
- Finances
  - There is currently ~\$21,000 in the checking account.
  - The Board reviewed and approved the Treasurer's report. This will be distributed as part of the membership update.
  - In addition, the Board unanimously reaffirmed compliance with the MPPA conflict of interest policy in the bylaws and the following Conflict of Interest statement in the Annual Report to the Charitable Trust Division of the NH Attorney General's office:  
  
**Did any Officer, Director, Trustee or member of their immediate family obtain a pecuniary benefit from the organization in the last year other than reasonable compensation for services rendered and expenses incurred in connection with their official duties?**  
  
All Board members answered in the negative
  
- Weed management
  - Reminder: Amy Smagula is scheduled to visit the pond in June 2019 to provide a weed watch training/refresher.
  
- Lake Hosting
  - We have not received paperwork yet from NH Lakes on the lake hosting grant program.
  - There is a new contact for scheduling lake hosts at LSPA.
  - The Board reviewed the "Transient Boat Data" report provided by NH Lakes. It shows that Messer Pond was visited by boats that accessed 7 lakes with reported invasives.
  
- Water Quality
  - No report
  
- Watershed Management
  - Culvert cleanout – JP will be contacted on possible dates
  
- Fish and Wildlife
  - Elkins Fish and Game is scheduled to install new wood duck boxes this month.

- Education & Activities
  - The Holiday Gathering, held at the home of Carolyn Byrne, was very well attended.
- Other Business
  - The NL Historical Society has been reserved for the Annual Meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Board Meeting Schedule.

The proposed meeting schedule for the rest of the fiscal year:

Apr 17, Jun 19  
July 20 - Annual Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Doyle

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