

MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 17, 2021

Present:

John Doyle, President
Dick Showalter, Treasurer
Audrey Chijner, Director
Scott Ellison, Director
Sue Shock, Director
Ethan Simon, Director
Nancy Stetson, Director
Donna Doyle

Absent:

A remote meeting via Zoom began at 6:00 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 18, 2020 were approved as circulated.

- Business Items
 - The NLHS has been reserved on July 31, 2021 for the Annual Meeting. The \$100 rental fee is due in May.
 - The Association's submission for the Town's Annual Report was emailed in January.
 - Horizon Engineering was informed that the Association will not be using their services to develop watershed maps. The Colby-Sawyer class will include that effort as part of their project work.
 - Motor craft use on the pond –The Board had a brief discussion on the proposed legislation regarding “wake boats”.

- Watershed Management Plan Status
 - Forest Acres Culvert Repair/Replacement - the final pollution reduction reports were delayed because the DES needed to approve the approach that would be used. The new methodology had to be documented in the grant's Site-Specific Project Plan (accepted on 2/16/2021). The Operations and Maintenance Manual is complete. The results from the Haas and Nutter Stream survey have been documented. There appears to be no obvious up-stream source of the sediment. CSC is performing soil analysis as part of the effort.
 - The construction plans for Fieldstone Lane were reviewed and approved with the DPW Director on 1/29/2021. The effort will also include the repair of a small catch basin above the intersection on County Road. The DPW Director stated that he will be able to schedule the work this summer. The schedule of payments from the Moose Plate grant had to be amended to align with the scope in the Stone Contract. We have been reimbursed for the survey work (\$1400).
 - Gay Farm Road Stream Restoration – still waiting on further information from DES Wetlands Group.

- Stone Environmental conducted the survey of Tracy/Bog Road on 11/24/2020. The preliminary recommendations were reviewed with the DPW Director on 1/29/2021.
- The Board discussed the objectives of the last remaining grant task – Forest Acres Road Stormwater Survey. Aside from identifying areas in need of repair, the possibility of paving the road will be discuss with the DPW Director.

The Board discussed a similar effort in Grantham, where the lake association paved several gravel roads bordering Eastman Lake. The Board thought this would be an excellent topic for the next annual meeting – get member input and invite the DPW Director and Town Administrator.

- A Zoom call was held with District 2 engineer from DOT on the Bog Road Survey. Discussion centered around understanding where the I-89 ROW is. Some of the DOT planning documentation suggests there will be some activity in the area around the summer of 2022.
- CSC Community-based Research Course
 - The Mid-Year Presentation was well attended. Our questions on the report were reviewed with the class.
 - The class has started water sampling. The class expanded the bracket sampling on Brown Brook - the new location is upstream of the Bog Road crossing.
 - The Septic Survey is ready to be distributed – waiting on approval from the college’s IRB.
 - Given the limitations due to COVID, the students are discussing alternatives to the Stormwater/Invasive Workshops scheduled for the semester.
 - Our wish list of features for the watershed maps the students will develop was reviewed with the class.
- Membership/Recruitment
 - 9 families have renewed their membership for 2021.
 - Board decided that the current membership list would be emailed to each member when they renew. (Rather than directing them to a password protected file on the website).
 - An email will be sent to the membership to notify neighbors about the CSC student activity on the pond, to renew memberships and use Amazon Smile.
- Finances
 - The Association has approximately \$31,000 in the checking account.
 - The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the 2020 Annual Treasurer’s report.
 - The treasurer reported that all regulatory filings would be completed by mid-April.
 - 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
 - No report
- Lake Hosting
 - The Association submitted a letter to the NH Legislature – stating its support for the mission of the NH Lakes organization.
- Water Quality
 - John will schedule a meeting with representatives from Eastman Lake for more information and background on their group’s road paving work – possibly after the Forest Acres Road Survey and review with the DPW Director.
 - The 2020 lake report is not available on NH DES site yet.
- Watershed Management
 - No Change - The DPW still plans to remove invasives in the watershed, pending budget approval.
- Fish and Wildlife
 - Elkins F&G – wood duck box maintenance – scheduled for 2/18.
- Education & Activities
 - NL Inn will not be sponsoring the Thursday’s Child dinners this coming year.
 - The Board briefly discussed distributing Loon Preservation material in early spring.
- Other Business
- Board Meeting Schedule.

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

April 20/21/22, June 15/16/17
Annual meeting – July 31

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Doyle