

MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 19, 2020

Present:

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

Absent:

Tom McCauley, Director

Via Conference Call:

Ethan Simon, Director

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a quorum present. Bullet style minutes are presented below. Donna Doyle filled in to help take meeting notes.

- Minutes from the October 15, 2019, November 14, 2019 and the Annual Meeting were approved with the following corrections:
October 15, 2019 – correct program title - “Adventures in Learning at Colby-Sawyer College”
November 14, 2019 – “over 60 calendars” to “several calendars” and spelling of “Rody Denise”
- Business Items
 - The MPPA submission to the town’s Annual report was done in January.
 - The Board discussed the annual membership update letter and reviewed the website changes for the letter – including posting the Treasurer’s report.
- Watershed Management Plan Status
 - A. Watershed Assistance Grant – Current
 - The Board reviewed the final expense accounting spreadsheet for all the projects. There was an overage of \$1919.64. The Board voted to accept the report and closing of this grant phase.
 - B. Watershed Assistance Grant – Round 2
 - The Board discussed the process, timeline and documentation requirements for the NH DES Grant. The proposal is currently with the EPA being reviewed.
 - The Board reviewed the Request for Proposals that will be posted in support of the grant effort. It was understood that the hours to develop the RFQs will not count to any in-kind match.
 - The notes from the pre-application meeting with the NH Wetlands Office were reviewed, as well as the work plans that were developed as a part of that meeting. The Board discussed the potential of doing other work related to the permit before the grant is approved and agreed to spend up to \$500 on this effort, if necessary.

C. NH Lakes Congress Presentation

- The MPPA has been asked to speak on the Watershed Management Planning and Grant process.

- Membership/Recruitment

- There were 56 member families in 2019. There have been 2 renewals for 2020.
- The membership update letter will include a request for volunteers.

- Finances

- The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report and voted unanimously to accept it.
- 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 Lake Host Grant application was reviewed at the 11/18/19 Budget Committee – no questions.
- The application for the Lake Hosting grant to NH Lakes is due by March 20th.

- Water Quality

- John Harris will be contacted to set up the water sampling schedule.
- The 2019 Lake Reports from VLAP are not out yet.

- Watershed Management

- The Board again pended any discussion on the existence of invasive plants at Bog Road (Nutter Brook) and County Road (County Brook) – waiting until the Town of NL completes the licensing/training of DPW personnel planned for next year.

- Fish and Wildlife

- The Elkins F&G are scheduled to install the 5th wood duck box and perform maintenance on the existing ones by the end of February.
- Education & Activities
 - The Holiday Gathering at Rody Denise's home on 12/8/2019 was well attended.
 - George and Margaret Martens have offered to host a Mid-Summer's Night on 6/24/2020.
- Other Business
 - The Board agreed it would be appropriate to send out reminders about well water testing (late May) and about the concerns of the impact of fireworks (late June).
 - No progress/action on email service upgrade – need to determine if the association qualifies for the free service - discussion postponed to a future meeting.
 - The board again decided to postpone any discussion on repairing the launch to a future meeting.
 - The Board was updated on a conversation with Horizon's Engineering about using drone mapping to monitor changes to the pond and possibly generate a map of the entire watershed. The Board was interested in having the engineers attend a future meeting to explain and answer questions about the technology and its capabilities.
- Board Meeting Schedule.

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

Apr 15, Jun 16, 17, 18
July 18 - Annual Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Doyle