

MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
April 17, 2019

Present:

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

Absent:

Sue Shock, Director  
Ethan Simon, Director  
Tom McCauley, Director

Via Conference Call:

NA

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 February 13, 2019 were approved as circulated.
- Business Items
  - The Board discussed potential topics for the Annual Meeting. The Board agreed that any topic should be closely related to grant work, pond initiatives or watershed issues. John and Nancy will reach out to presenters from the VLAP Workshop and Lakes Congress as well as UNH.
- Watershed Management Plan Status
  - A. Watershed Grant Status
    - Grant Amendment Status – still in process of being updated by NH DES. Invoices cannot be submitted until the amendment has been approved.
    - We met with NL DPW to review placement of check dams along Burpee Hill Road. As was done on County Road, the MPPA will purchase the material and the DPW will donate the labor and equipment to do the installation.
    - We also met with the Planning Board to review the work that was planned for Burpee Hill Road. The Planning Board was updated on our proposed Septic Survey and invited us back to review results.
    - We mailed 32 letters to abutters to notify them of work that the DPW will be doing on Burpee Hill Road. We received two responses from residents in the area – interested in meeting to discuss water problems/stream erosion on their properties.
    - The board briefly discussed the proposed Septic Survey mailing and reaffirmed that it will include an invitation to participate in the septic maintenance discount program.
    - The LSPA lake association meeting held on April 4th. There were ~40 attendees from area lakes and ponds. Minutes from the meeting were distributed to the Board.
    - Perkins Pond has expressed interest in learning about our experience with developing a Watershed Management Plan.

- Membership/Recruitment
  - Board discussed the General membership letter that will be sent out by the end of April. As well as updating the members on the progress on the watershed grant, the email will also remind folks to renew their membership and the dates for upcoming events. The email will also include a request for lake host and weed watch volunteers.
  
- Finances
  - There is currently ~\$22,200 in the checking account.
  - The treasurer reported that all required state and federal regulatory filings have been completed.
  - The NL Historical Society has been reserved and the rental fee has been paid.
  
- Weed management
  - Amy Smagula is scheduled to visit the pond on June 28<sup>th</sup> to provide a weed watch training/refreshers.
  - A request for additional volunteers will be included in the membership update email.
  
- Lake Hosting
  - Sue Showalter reported that she will be going to Lake Host training on April 23rd.
  - We are still waiting for confirmation from NH Lakes on the lake hosting grant award.
  - A request for additional volunteers will be included in the membership update email.
  
- Water Quality
  - The VLAP workshop is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>. The NH Lakes “Lakes Congress” is planned for May 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - The first water sampling is set for June 26<sup>th</sup>. A representative from the VLAP program will be on site as part of their biannual visit schedule to review sampling procedures.
  - The Messer Pond 2018 Lake report was reviewed.
  
- Watershed Management
  - Jeff Troxell will be coordinating the road trash pickup as a part of the “Keeping NL Presentable” initiative. Several members responded to the request for volunteers. Jeff is creating a schedule based on preferences.
  - Culvert cleanout is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>. A trailer to haul the material to the DPW yard has been confirmed. The Board still needs to check on the availability of a front loader.
  
- Fish and Wildlife
  - Elkins Fish and Game installed 2 new wood duck boxes and performed maintenance on the existing 3 boxes. One of the new boxes fell and will be relocated next year.
  - Wicked Yankee TV visited Messer Pond to do a segment on the wood duck boxes.

- Education & Activities
  - The Thursday's Child fundraiser at the NL Inn is scheduled for 6/13. We will place an ad in the Kearsarge Shopper and include a reminder in the membership update email.
- Other Business
  - The Board discussed the impact of motor craft use on the pond's water quality. The Board reviewed the process to limit activity via a petition. Whether this is an issue the board should address or review with the membership at the annual meeting was discussed. In the end, the Board agreed to keep this topic as an open issue, but not to take any action until more data is gathered to determine the actual impact boating activity has on the health of the pond.
- Board Meeting Schedule.

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

June 19  
July 20 - Annual Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Doyle