

MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 17, 2020

Present:

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

Absent:

Tom McCauley, Director
Ethan Simon, Director

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.

- Horizon Engineering – Unmanned Aircraft Systems
 - Drew McDermott and Will Davis joined the call to make a presentation on Horizons' Unmanned Aircraft Systems Product line. They discussed both the features and limitations technology. They provided an overview of the capabilities as it related to monitoring changes to a watershed over a period of time as well as the possibility of developing an annotated map of the entire watershed.
 - They provided a link to a demonstration video.
 - The Board agreed to ask them to provide quotes on a watershed map and a detailed, low level pass over the pond.
- Minutes from the May 14, 2020 were approved as circulated.
- Business Items
 - An email reminder was sent to the entire membership about well water testing.
 - The Discount Septic Maintenance Program will be emailed shortly.
 - The Board briefly discussed what alternatives were available in the by-laws to conduct an Annual Meeting, other than in-person. The Board pended the discussion and asked Scott to review the by-laws and provide information on what options are available.
- Watershed Management Plan Status
 - The Moose Plate Grant was approved at the 5/20/2020 Governor's Council Meeting. We are still waiting for the final paperwork from the State Conservation Committee.
 - The DES Watershed Assistance Grant is scheduled to be approved at the 6/24/2020 Governor's Council Meeting
 - Stone Environmental was the only firm to submit a proposal on the Forest Acres Culvert work.

- Three firms submitted proposals for the Fieldstone Lane/County Road work – and those companies are being vetted. It is expected that a decision will be made at the time the DES grant is approved.
 - The Stream Restoration work on Gay Farm Road is scheduled for the end of July – weather permitting.
 - The Conservation Committee has reviewed our Forest Acres Culvert work and voted unanimously to support our expedited wetlands application.
 - The board was updated on the work Stone Environmental has done for the preapplication wetlands group meeting.
 - The Association has been contacted by Harvey Pine of Colby Sawyer College to determine interest in collaborating on the “Community Based Research” course. We will be speaking with Prof. Pine next week to get further details.
- Membership/Recruitment
 - 21 families have renewed their membership for 2020.
- Finances
 - The Association has \$25,720 in the checking account. The P&L shows that we made \$2,700.
 - The Association has renewed its membership at NH Lakes at the \$300 level.
 - Accounts need to be established to track grant expenditures. John will set up a spreadsheet to help with the accounting.
- Lake Hosting
 - The new Private Property sign has been posted.
 - We have met our match requirement for the NH Lakes grant.
- Weed management
 - May is complete. June is underway.
- Water Quality
 - Water sampling was done on June 9th – the streams were barely running.
 - July and August have been scheduled with the Colby Sawyer Lab.
- Watershed Management
 - It was noted that there seems to be a few more 1938 logs floating around the pond than normal. John will contact the DPW to arrange pick up options.
 - John will also follow up with the Town on the status of the removal of invasives in the watershed and the acquiring by the DPW of the license/training required to do that work.

- Fish and Wildlife
 - It was noted that the wood duck box at the west end of the pond had a large Merganser family in residence.
 - Several neighbors have reported beaver activity on their property.
- Education & Activities
 - No report
- Other Business
 - A reminder about the impact of fireworks will be sent out in late June.
 - The Board asked John to contact the DPW about the recent ditch repair work on Bog Road.
 - The board again decided to postpone any discussion on repairing the launch to a future meeting.
- Board Meeting Schedule.

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

Mid July - TBD
Annual Meeting - cancelled

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Doyle