

MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 15, 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 5:30 p.m. with a quorum present. Bullet style minutes are presented below. Donna Doyle filled in to help take meeting notes.

- Minutes from the June 17, 2020 were approved as circulated.
- Business Items
 - An email reminder was sent to the entire membership about firework use around the pond.
 - 16 residents will be taking part in the Discount Septic Maintenance Program.
 - The Board briefly discussed several alternatives to conducting the Annual Meeting business required by the by-laws. The board voted unanimously to conduct the meeting via email; and will distribute minutes, board reports and proxy ballot electronically. Scott Ellison volunteered to draft the proxy ballot question regarding several changes to the bylaws relative to alternatives to in-person membership meetings.
- Watershed Management Plan Status
 - The Moose Plate Grant and DES Watershed Assistance Grant have been approved by the Governor's Council.
 - The Site Specific Project Plan (SSPP) has been submitted to DES for their review.
 - The wetland delineation and site survey for the Forest Acres Culvert Work was completed and reviewed with Bob Harrington. As part of that conversation, the long-term plans of addressing stormwater runoff and paving were discussed. Bob will contact vendors to get some preliminary costs estimates for the work and schedule a meeting with Kim Hallquist to get an "informal" commitment to the effort.
 - The proposal for Fieldstone Lane work from Fuss & O'Neill was reviewed – it is \$4,500 over the grant budget. Our DES Program Manager will be contacted to determine the procedure on acquiring a second bid from Stone Environmental. This effort to secure another proposal will delay implementation – but should still allow design to be completed this summer/fall.
 - The stream restoration work at the Gay Farm residence is scheduled for end of July. From the funds received from the last grant, the MPPA will purchase the material - ~\$600.

- Messer Pond will be the focus of Harvey Pine's "Community Based Research" course at Colby Sawyer College. Some of the possible collaboration/research will include: expanded water sampling, watershed mapping and a residential stormwater workshop. Harvey will provide a course syllabus for the Board to review.
 - Board voted to authorize the expenditure of ~\$500 (4-5 hours of engineering time) for Stone Environmental to develop the Pollution Loading Reduction report for the Gay Farm stream restoration and consult on the course collaboration with Colby Sawyer.
- Membership/Recruitment
 - 25 families have renewed their membership for 2020.
 - Email distribution lists will be reviewed and updated/consolidated.
- Finances
 - The Association has \$26,149 in the checking account. The P&L shows that we made \$3,167.
 - Accounts need to be established to track grant expenditures and reimbursements. John will set up a spreadsheet to help with the accounting.
 - Board discussed upgrading the QuickBook's license, reviewing several alternatives and costs. The treasurer will continue to review the options that were discussed and make a recommendation.
- Lake Hosting
 - The new Private Property sign has been posted.
 - The staff of paid lake hosts are very dependable and continue to provide reliable weekend coverage.
- Weed management
 - July weed watch is underway, no invasives identified to date.
- Water Quality
 - Water sampling was completed for July – the streams were barely running.
 - The August 8th sampling has been scheduled with the Colby Sawyer Lab.
- Watershed Management
 - The DPW was contacted and agreed to remove any 1938 logs pulled from the pond and placed at the Bog Road boat launch. The round up effort will be scheduled in the fall.
 - The DPW still plans to remove invasives in the watershed, but license/training required to do that work has been delayed.

- Fish and Wildlife
 - No report
- Education & Activities
 - No report
- Other Business
 - Sara Steiner (DES-VLAP) was contacted concerning the blockage at the Bog Road culvert and the effect on the pond's water level. She was generally not concerned but did recommend keeping the culvert free of debris and/or beaver dam material.
 - The DPW was contacted regarding the ditch repair work on Bog Road. Because of limited material and equipment budgets, a substitute for the appropriate gravel mix had to be used and could not be adequately packed down.
- Board Meeting Schedule.

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

Annual Meeting - cancelled

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Doyle