

MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 6, 2018

Present:

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

Absent:

NA

Via Conference Call:

Ethan Simon, Director
Tom McCauley, Director

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 June 20, 2018 meeting were approved as circulated.
- It was suggested to document the ad-hoc Board meeting on August 16, 2018 by changing the meeting notes that were distributed by email on August 19th to formal minutes.
- Business Items – Annual Meeting Wrap-up
 - 35 members attended
 - Very positive comments on the location, format and speaker
- Watershed Management Plan Status
 - A. Soak Up the Rain - NH
 - Soak Up the Rain NH site visits took place on 9/6/2018. Five residences had signed up at the Annual Meeting. All the problems identified were “Property Management” issues. Regardless, the suggestions and observations from the SOAK-NH team were very helpful.
 - The Board also discussed possible modifications to the SOAK brochure to have it more specifically address Messer Pond watershed issues.
 - The Board then discussed incorporating the SOAK flyer with a mailing to the Messer Pond watershed. Ethan volunteered to develop a cover letter and will distribute for comment. The Assessor’s Office will be contacted to acquire a current mailing list for the entire watershed.
 - B. Watershed Grant Status
 - The County Road site visit on 9/6 went well. F&O and the town DPW review the site relative to the construction plans and no issues were identified.

- The construction plans/proposal have been reviewed with ASLPT, site abutters, the town planner and zoning officer.
- An informal review with the Planning Board is scheduled for 9/11; and if no issues are identified construction will start the following week, weather permitting.
- The contract with Stone Environmental has been signed and work on the survey should start the end of September.
- The proposed amendment to the grant that were discussed and agreed to at our August 16 meeting, were submitted to the state for review.

C. Annual Meeting Follow-up

- The board had a general discussion relative to comments from the annual meeting about maintaining a presence at community events and local vendors. Dick volunteered to contact LSPA to see if there is interest in organizing a meeting to determine if other local lake associations would like to be involved.

- Membership/Recruitment

- The fact that total membership is lower than approximately this time last year was discussed. It was suggested that a targeted reminder will likely be needed again before the end of the year.

- Finances

- The Association has approximately \$26,000 in the checking account; and this is about \$3,000 less than last year at this time. The difference is due to lower membership income and higher Watershed Management expenses. It was noted that much of the expenses related to the grant work will be reimbursed (hopefully by year end).
- The entire Town of NL Lake Host grant (\$3,200) has been paid to NH Lakes.

- Weed management

- 2018 was a very successful season – no invasive species were detected.
- Amy Smagula is scheduled to visit the pond in June, 2019 to provide a weed watch training/refresher.

- Lake Hosting

- As of the meeting, 356 inspections had been performed.
- The membership has provided 264 volunteer hours which represents a \$6,600 in-kind match (~371% of the required match).
- The board briefly discussed the idea of recruiting someone to work with Sue Showalter, to help with the work load as well as train someone else on the aspects of the task.

- Water Quality

- Three water samples were performed this summer. The results did not come to the PO Box. We will get them either from the DES VLAP site and/or check with John Harris.
- Dick Showalter is conducting a survey of water sampling methodologies used by other local associations and will present his findings at the next meeting.
- Watershed Management
 - The Association reimbursed JP Paquette and Chris Lyons for the use of their equipment during the Spring culvert cleanup.
- Fish and Wildlife
 - No report
- Education & Activities
 - The Fall Brunch will be held at the home of John and Pat Harris on 10/13.
 - The MPPA will participate in the NL Inn's Thursday's Child event on 6/13/2019.
- Other Business
 - The Board had a general discussion on how to record changes in the pond over time. One suggestion was the work of Eastern Aerial Productions – the company uses drone technology.
- Board Meeting Schedule.

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

Feb 13, Apr 16, 17 or 18, Jun 18, 19 or 20
July 20, 27 or Aug 3 - Annual Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Doyle