

MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 8, 2020

Present:

John Doyle, President
Audrey Chijner, Director
Sue Shock, Director
Nancy Stetson, Director
Donna Doyle
Terry Bingham
John Harris
Pat Harris

Absent:

Dick Showalter, Treasurer
Ethan Simon, Director
Scott Ellison, 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.

- The Board was joined by several members of the Association to discuss concerns about the use of motor craft on the pond this past summer – specifically safety and the impact on water quality. As for safety, the consensus was to remind folks of safe boating practices at the start of next summer. The possibility of limiting water skiing activity to certain times of the day was also discussed. But it was noted that the only recourse for persistent disregard of safety guidelines is to notify the marine patrol.

As far as environmental impact, aside from anecdotal evidence of increase turbidity and erosion due to wakes, there is no qualifiable evidence. Nancy Stetson volunteered to organize a committee to address the issues that were raised.

- Minutes from the July 17, 2020 were approved as circulated.
- Business Items
 - A quorum of members participated in the Annual Meeting and all ballot items were approved. The Board discussed the process of updating the by-laws.
 - The family that was responsible for the damage to the boat launch agreed to speak with the firm that was delivering their boat - to ensure that any future damage will be repaired.
 - The Board discussed the watershed mapping proposal submitted by Horizon Engineering. The total cost would be \$750. Before committing the members would like to review samples of previous work.
- Watershed Management Plan Status
 - The Site Specific Project Plan (SSPP) has been approved by DES and submitted to the EPA. The grant reimbursement of \$4000 for the completion of this objective has been received.

- The grant reimbursement for \$5000 for the completion of the wetland delineation and site survey for the Forest Acres Culvert Work was received.
 - The grant reimbursement of \$11,000 for the completion of the culvert construction plans has been submitted and approved by DES.
 - The Board reviewed the field survey notes from the site walk of Nutter and Haas brooks. There is no obvious sources of the material that is collecting at the side of the road and at the mouth of the brooks. Colby Sawyer volunteered to perform soil analysis to help isolate a possible cause.
 - The culvert construction was reviewed with the DPW on 9/29 and the work is scheduled for mid-October.
 - The Board reviewed the proposal by Stone Environmental for the Fieldstone Lane grant objective. It is \$600 over budget. The Board unanimously approved signing this contract.
 - The final paperwork was submitted to the NH wetland office for the stream restoration work on Gay Farm Road. Their office had a concern about the final construction, and we are waiting further information.
 - The Request for Qualification was posted for the Tracy/Bog Road grant objective. We have received several inquiries.
 - The Board reviewed the Colby Sawyer class' scope of work and the overlap with the grant objectives. The students have been participating in the site work associated with the culvert repair and replacement effort. The students have also been taking water samples weekly and performing GIS elevation mapping in the watershed.
- Membership/Recruitment
 - 54 families have renewed their membership for 2020.
- Finances
 - The Association has approximately \$19,000 in the checking account.
- Weed management
 - Completed for the season
 - The survey of Haas Brook did not show evidence of any Purple Loosestrife.
- Lake Hosting
 - The lake host grant application has been submitted to the town for \$3400.
 - Remaining funds from the lake host budget will be sent to NH Lakes and applied to next year's effort.
- Water Quality
 - Water sampling was completed for August – the streams were barely running.

- Watershed Management
 - The DPW still plans to remove invasives in the watershed, pending budget approval.
- Fish and Wildlife
 - Elkins F&G will be contacted to determine a proposed schedule for maintaining the wood duck boxes.
- Education & Activities
 - With all the loon activity on the pond this past summer, and possible nest; it was suggested that residents be educated about the presence. Flyers from the Loon Preservation Society will be emailed and possibly a sign will be posted at the boat launch.
- Other Business
 - Several members plan to pull several of the 1938 logs from the pond on 10/10. The DPW has agreed to remove the logs if they are placed at the Bog Road boat launch.
 - The Board will schedule an update meeting with CSC students for late October
- Board Meeting Schedule.

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

Mid-November - TBD

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Doyle