

MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
October 15, 2019

Present:

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

Absent:

Ethan Simon, Director  
Tom McCauley, Director

Via Conference Call:

Dick Showalter, Treasurer

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a quorum present. Bullet style minutes are presented below. Donna Doyle filled in to help take meeting notes.

- Minutes from the April 19, 2019 were approved as circulated. Meetings in June and September were not held.
- Business Items
  - The feedback from attendees at the Annual Meeting was very positive. Everyone enjoyed the presentations on Beavers and Wood Ducks. The Board discussed possible dates for 2020 and agreed to try to reserve July 18<sup>th</sup> at the NL Historical Society.
  - Nancy will make the Wood Duck presentation available on the website.
- Watershed Management Plan Status
  - A. Watershed Assistance Grant – Next Round
    - The applications for the Moose Plate and Watershed Assistance Grants have been submitted. The grant targets stormwater BMP work on Forest Acres Road and Fieldstone Lane. We should hear if the proposals are accepted over next couple of months.
    - In support of the grants, we received engineering help to scrub the timeframe and expense portion of the proposals from Fuss and O’Neill and Stone Environmental.
  - B. Watershed Grant Status
    - Invoices for County Road work (\$6,250), Burpee Hill Work (\$1,500), Upper County Road Brook Survey (\$500) and Septic Survey (\$250) were submitted to DES and are in process.
    - The Site Specific Project Plan (SSPP) has been reviewed and signed by Fuss and O’Neill and Stone Environmental and submitted to DES for review and approval.
    - We met with the owner of the horse farm and provided material about the impact of farms in a watershed and how to mitigate potential nutrient loading. The stream on the property is generally well buffered by vegetation. We have taken 2 bracketed water samples and the results would indicate that there is no significant loading coming from the farm.

- The recent work and invoice by Gabe Bolin (Stone Environmental) in support of the BMP efforts on Burpee Hill Road and Carter Road were reviewed. The Pollution Loading Report will be distributed to the Board when it is finished.
- The check dams and swales on Burpee Hill and Carter Roads were installed by the DPW in September.
- The work on Gay Farm will be rescheduled to next summer, hopefully as part of the new grant. The wetland permit was not approved in time to schedule the work with the landscaper.
- The board briefly discussed the results from the Septic Survey. Because the response was poor; additional data was acquired from the assessor's database to determine the age of systems in the watershed. All the results were presented to the NL Planning Board.

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- The presentation is scheduled for November in Burlington, Vermont. The Board approved the expense of a conference registration and a 1-night stay because of the timing of the conference session.

- Membership/Recruitment

- There are currently 48 member families. The Board discussed ways to engage with members to renew earlier in the year.
- The Board had a general discussion on Board of Director recruitment.
- The Board had a general discussion of the need to review and upgrade our member contact information. Specifically, the Board discussed ways of acquiring the data and the need to inform members that the data will only be used for Association business.

- Finances

- The recent payments of invoices were reviewed and accepted.
- The resolution that created an Assistant Treasurer position was unanimously approved by the Board.
- The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Sue Shock to assume the duties of the Assistant Treasurer.

- Weed management

- No Report

- Lake Hosting

- No update on the status of the town grant for lake hosting. The application required some additional financial information about the association.
- The Board had a general discussion on the possibility of posting additional signage at the boat launch to address such concerns as parking, boat speed, trash ("take it with you"), general stewardship. The Board decided to table the matter and that no action was necessary.

- Water Quality
  - The last water sampling of the season was done on 9/17. Because of the dry conditions, no stream samples were taken.
  - We have not received an invoice from the CSC Lab for August water sampling analysis.
- Watershed Management
  - The existence of invasive plants at Bog Road (Nutter Brook) and County Road (County Brook) were discussed. The town is aware of the issue. They are planning to license members of the DPW to perform removal.
- Fish and Wildlife
  - The MPPA participated in the Loon Census on 7/20/2019 – no sightings were reported.
- Education & Activities
  - The Fall Brunch is scheduled for 10/20 at Jeff and Barbara Troxell’s house.
  - The MPPA will be participating again in the NL Inn Thursday Child program. We are scheduled in June 2020 with the NL Barn.
  - The board discussed the possibility of partnering with “Adventures in Learning” at Colby-Sawyer College to sponsor an educational session on “Changing Weather Patterns”.
- Other Business
  - Board decided to pend any discussion on repairing the Boat Launch to a future meeting.
  - A member raised a concern about fireworks and the impact on the health of the pond and on wildlife. The board will review an article on the topic from NH Lakes.
  - The board will continue to investigate upgrading the current email service.
- Board Meeting Schedule.

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

Nov 14, Feb 18, 19, 20, Apr 14, 15, 16, Jun 16, 17, 18  
July 18 - Annual Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Doyle