

MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 14, 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 August 16, 2018 and September 6, 2018 meeting were approved as circulated.
- Business Items
 - Due to member concern, the high-water level of the pond was discussed. The board decided that no action was necessary given the recent high rainfall amounts and the fact that most lakes/ponds in the area were experiencing the same condition.
 - A report for the Town of New London's Annual report will be written and distributed for review/comment. It is due to the town office by mid-January. The board agreed to distribute this in early 2019 as part of a communication to remind folks to renew their membership.
- Watershed Management Plan Status
 - A. Soak Up the Rain - NH
 - The write-ups for the five site visits were distributed by Lisa Loosigian. She still plans on developing a simplified version of the program's flyer.
 - B. Watershed Grant Status
 - Objective and repayment schedule changes for the 319 Grant have been submitted and accepted by the NHDES. The Watershed Assistance group is reviewing the proposal and will be responsible for final approval. Invoices for the expenses incurred on the County Road BMP work will be submitted once this process is complete.
 - The NHDES has also asked that the SSPP be updated now to reflect the work done by Fuss and O'Neill.
 - Stone Environmental has completed the survey of the Upper County Road Brook portion of the watershed. A write up (like what was done for the watershed management plan) will be completed. Based on preliminary notes from the survey, the board discussed plans to reach out

to the town and a resident on Gay Farm Road to address nutrient and sediment loading that was discovered.

- An outreach letter was mailed to all members of the watershed. The purpose of the mailing was to introduce the MPPA, raise awareness about issues facing the Messer Pond Watershed and provide a flyer about SOAK-NH, explaining actions that residents can take to address storm water runoff.
 - The Board discussed options for topics and frequency for future letters to the watershed, possibly specifically targeting groups to raise/maintain awareness of specific issues in a portion of the watershed. It was agreed that mailings should happen twice a year.
 - As part of one of the objectives in the 319 Grant, the board discussed performing the Septic Survey after the first of the year. The board also discussed the option of offering access to the pump out discount to all residents in the watershed as part of this correspondence.
 - The board discussed contacting and working with LSPA to set up another lake association meeting in February/March timeframe. The board discuss some of the possible topics, which included: salt study, LSPA watershed management plan, developing aerial maps and videos (Kezar Lake was an example) and water sampling.
- Membership/Recruitment
 - Currently, 50 households are members of the MPPA (versus 57 last year). The board discussed the possibility of doing a targeted reminder.
- Finances
 - The Association has approximately \$23,853 in the checking account; and this is about \$7,000 less due to watershed grant expenditures. Membership and donation revenues are down by approximately \$700.
 - Board discussed the end of year financial report and agreed that this should also be part of the communication to the membership in early 2019.
- 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, 375 inspections had been performed.
 - The membership has provided 325 volunteer hours.
- Water Quality
 - The board reviewed the water sampling data from 2018 – conductivity and phosphorus measurements at Nutter and Brown Brook continue to be much higher than the state average.

- Watershed Management
 - No report.
- Fish and Wildlife
 - Elkins Fish and Game are scheduled to replace/repair the last wood duck box as well as to perform maintenance on the existing boxes.
- Education & Activities
 - The Fall Brunch at the home of John and Pat Harris was well attended.
 - The Holiday Gathering is scheduled for 12/8 at the home of Carolyn Byrne.
- Other Business
 - The board briefly discussed ideas on topics for a speaker for the Annual meeting. The board also discussed the ideas of opening attendance of the annual meeting to non-members in the watershed.
 - The board agreed on July 20, 2019 as the date for the annual meeting
- Board Meeting Schedule.

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

Apr 17, Jun 18, 19 or 20
July 20 - Annual Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Doyle