

MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 14, 2019

Present:

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

Absent:

Dick Showalter, Treasurer
Tom McCauley, Director

Via Conference Call:

Ethan Simon, Director

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 October 15, 2019 were not available.
- Business Items
 - The NL Historical Society has been reserved for the MPPA Annual Meeting on 7/18/2020.
 - We received a reminder about the MPPA submission for the NL Town Annual Report. It is due by 1/15/2020. A draft will be circulated for comments.
 - As we did last year, this report as well as a Treasurer's Report will be distributed as an update to the membership early next year.
- Watershed Management Plan Status
 - A. Watershed Assistance Grant – Next Round
 - The Watershed Assistance Grant Preproposal was accepted for an amount up to \$50K. The Full Proposal must be submitted by 12/6.
 - We are still waiting to hear on our Moose Plate Grant application.
 - The preliminary budget submitted in the Preproposal is between \$50K - \$60K - meaning a match of between \$20K – \$24K (40%) will be required. The Town of NL DPW has committed to provide 3 weeks of in-kind labor (~\$18K).
 - As for meeting the remaining match requirement of the Watershed Assistance Grant: if the Moose Plate Grant is accepted – those funds (\$10.9K) can be used to cover all of the required match, if not accepted, then MPPA is possibly looking at needing to provide between \$2K – \$6K in cash and/or in-kind hours to meet the match requirement.
 - The Preproposal specifies a completion date of December 2022. The goal is to complete all work in the Watershed Assistance Grant over the next 2 summers. If a task is delayed, we have a third summer (2022) to complete the effort – without requiring an amendment to the agreement.
 - Because of the length of time involved with acquiring wetland permits, the Board discussed the possibility of doing some pre-permit investigation prior to the official start of the grant. A motion

was made, seconded and approved to appropriate up to \$750 for this engineering work. The results will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

B. Watershed Grant Status

- All submitted grant invoices (\$8500) have been paid by the state.
- The Pollution Loading Reduction report for the work on Burpee Hill and Carter Roads is complete and submitted to the DES. The analysis indicates that the effort anticipates reducing the Phosphorus loading by 3.5 lbs. per year.
- The Wetland Permit for the Gay Farm Stream Restoration was approved on 11/4/2019. The work will take place under the new Watershed Assistance grant next summer. The grant will cover all material costs (~\$500).
- The Site Specific Project Plan (SSPP) was returned from DES review with comments. The SSPP and the final report will be submitted to the DES by end of year. That will complete the grant requirements and permit the MPPA to apply for our final payment of \$1,500.

C. NALMS

- The presentation went well.
- To follow up on several informal discussions about documenting changes to Messer Pond (such as weed growth, size due to filling in), the question was posed to several vendors with booths at NALMS. Summary: Expensive with several variables to consider like temperature and rain fall.

• Membership/Recruitment

- There are currently 55 member families – thanks to efforts at the Fall Luncheon and directly calling some neighbors.
- The Board was updated on the status of new Board of Director recruitment.
- The Board continued the discussion from the last meeting on the need to review and upgrade our member contact information. Specifically, the Board discussed outreach options and the timing of acquiring the data.

• Finances

- The recent payments of invoices (insurance) and receivables were reviewed and accepted.

• Weed management

- No Report

• Lake Hosting

- The town grant for lake hosting will be reviewed at the Selectman/Budget Committee Meeting on 11/18/2019.

• Water Quality

- No Report
- Watershed Management
 - The Board pended any discussion on the existence of invasive plants at Bog Road (Nutter Brook) and County Road (County Brook) – waiting until the Town of NL completes the licensing/training of DPW personnel planned for next year.
- Fish and Wildlife
 - Town DPW was informed of beaver activity at the Bog Road culvert. They cleared the blockage and installed a gate on both ends of the culvert.
- Education & Activities
 - The Fall Brunch held on 10/20 at Jeff and Barbara Troxell’s house was well attended and several calendars were ordered/sold.
 - Rody Denise has offered to host the Holiday Gathering on 12/8/2019.
 - George and Margaret Martens have offered to host a Mid-Summer’s Night on 6/24/2020.
- Other Business
 - No progress/action on fireworks or email service upgrade – discussion postponed to a future meeting.
 - After briefly discussing the condition of the boat launch, the board decided to postpone any discussion on repairing the launch to a future meeting.
 - Sales of homes have raised issues about well water quality. This concern happened a few years ago and just recently and the issue was the level of radon. In both cases, a general reminder was sent out to the membership about the need to have well water checked on a regular basis. After a general discussion, the Board agreed it would be appropriate to send out a reminder to the membership in early spring.
- Board Meeting Schedule.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Doyle

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