

MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 18, 2020

Present:

John Doyle, President
Dick Showalter, Treasurer
Audrey Chijner, Director
Scott Ellison, Director
Sue Shock, Director
Ethan Simon, Director
Nancy Stetson, Director
Donna Doyle

Absent:

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.

- Minutes from the October 8, 2020 were approved as circulated.
- Business Items
 - The Bylaw changes approved at the 2020 Annual Meeting are posted on the website.
 - We are still waiting to hear from the NLHS on possible dates for the 2021 Annual Meeting.
 - The Board discussed the watershed mapping proposal submitted by Horizon Engineering - reviewing samples of previous work. Based on publicly available map data, the Board was hesitant about committing to the proposal from Horizon.

The Board discussed an offer by Professor Pine to possibly provide maps developed by the class as part of their work product for the Association. He stated he couldn't commit until classes resume in February. The Board decided to research this option and determine feasibility before committing to Horizon or going in another direction. John will inform the firm of the decision.

- Motor craft use on the pond – discussion pended until the February meeting.
- Watershed Management Plan Status
 - The Forest Acres Culvert Repair/Replacement construction was completed, and all outstanding grant payment requests have been processed by DES. Thank you letters have been sent to the Town Administrator and Planning Board. Stone Environmental is working on the documentation to close out this grant objective.
 - The survey of Fieldstone Lane was conducted on 11/9 – to determine road features and ROW. A payment request has been submitted to both DES and SCC Moose Plate.
 - Gay Farm Road Stream Restoration – still waiting on further information from DES Wetlands Group.
 - The Board unanimously approved the motion to award the Tracy/Bog Survey Work to Stone Environmental. The work on this task should start on 11/24.

- CSC Community-based Research Course
 - The Mid-year Presentation is scheduled for 11/23.
 - The Septic survey and Stormwater Workshops are scheduled for next semester.
 - All collaboration with CSC satisfies the outreach objectives stated in the watershed grant.
 - The Board reviewed the preliminary design of the website developed by the CSC students and approved moving forward with the effort. The Board also reviewed various hosting and pricing options.

- Membership/Recruitment
 - 54 families have renewed their membership for 2020.

- Finances
 - The Association has approximately \$26,000 in the checking account.
 - The Board reviewed the Treasurer’s report and financial statements through October 31st.

- Weed management
 - No report

- Lake Hosting
 - Our grant application for \$3,400 has been approved for the Town Warrant.
 - Approximately \$1,000 remains unused from last year and will carry over to the 2021 season.

- Water Quality
 - The Board discussed the possibility of installing permanent in-lake monitors – similar to what was done at Eastman Lake. The cost would be approximately \$1,500. John will schedule a meeting with representatives from Eastman Lake for more information and background.
 - John also updated the Board on a conversation with BloomOptix about using unmanned drones to identify sediment runoff from storm events. The estimated cost would be about \$2000 per event.
 - The 2020 lake report is not available on NH DES site yet.

- Watershed Management
 - No Change - The DPW still plans to remove invasives in the watershed, pending budget approval.

- Fish and Wildlife
 - Elkins F&G – wood duck box maintenance – no schedule yet.

- Education & Activities

- We will contact the NL Inn to determine if they will be sponsoring the Thursday's Child dinners this coming year.

- Other Business

- The 1938 logs pulled from the pond were picked up by the DPW.
- DPW installed grates to prevent beavers from building dams inside the Bog Road culvert. Some weed blockage is occurring and restricting flow.

- Board Meeting Schedule.

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

February 16/17/18, April 20/21/22, June 15/16/17
Annual meeting – July or August

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Doyle