

WOPWA Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
August 25th 2013
Home of Bob Maloney and Bonnie Hunt
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The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by President Bob Maloney.

New board members Jude Ruhm, Marty Hirsch were welcomed.

Board members present were Galen Beach, Kevin Frank, Jude Ruhm, Will Brown, Blake Ireland, Michael Bogdanow, Will Stratton, Lois Stratton, Corinne & Marty Hirsch and Bob Maloney.

Guests present – Steve Wingman

Minutes of the Board meeting of June 29th, 2013 were approved unanimously. There were no comments or changes to the minutes of the Annual meeting which remains a Draft until the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Website Issues & Membership

Although Nancy was not in attendance, everyone was pleased with the website. Bob noted that there are still a number of members without e-mail addresses and he has been mailing information to them as necessary.

Lois Stratton continues as chair of Membership if someone else can be found to help her. Bob will work on that. She reported that currently there are 43 member families this year. Some people send in their memberships later so the number may grow. Lois listed the number of places where she has and plans to drop off our membership application in the future including at the dam.

Mary H. Perry Conservation Fund

Investments in the fund are handled by Roger LaRochelle's office at SLCS.

Bob Maloney reported that the fund total was \$13,470.00 on 6/30/13. Bob noted that there are no pending requests for funds and that the balance was enhanced this past year with an investment return of between 3% & 4%. Which is a very nice return and our thanks to the Squam Lakes Conservation Society and Roger LaRochelle.

Fall Drawdown of Pond

Barry Eastman makes the determination as to how much and when. Currently, Janet Cocchiario is our only contact with him. Bob spoke with Walter Johnson, Town Administrator, who indicated that Barry had reported that there is nothing critical that needs to be done this year although some sub-surface repairs will need to be done in the future. Walter also indicated that there are funds set aside of between \$10,000 and \$11,000 for future repairs. It was noted at the meeting that \$10,000 of this money came from the WOPWA. Also, the Town of Holderness owns the dam.

Other open issues:

Loon banding by the Loon Preservation Committee was approved on a year to year basis at the Annual Meeting for future years if there are new chicks. Bob spoke with Harry Vogel, Executive Director of the Loon Preservation Society and he was very pleased that we will allow tagging of new chicks. It will be up to our members to notify Bob Maloney that chicks have been born and Bob

will contact Harry and his staff. Additionally, Harry approved the possibility of one of our members joining them when banding so that we can have a firsthand report of the process.

Committees

Our current President, Bob Maloney, will be stepping down next year.

Nominating Committee: Bob Maloney & Michael Dogdanow

Mary H. Perry Fund: Kevin Frank, Rich Cocchiaro and Bob Maloney

Annual Meeting Food Committee: Kathy Weymouth, Corinne Hirsch, Anne Levin

Weed Watchers: Margie Bogdanow—

New procedure suggested by Margie. Margie recommended that will all or most of our members on the pond at various times, that each of us try to watch for vegetation and in fact, bring questionable items back so that they can be quickly identified

Water Quality: Galen Beach & Nancy Voorhis.

Galen noted that the original testing has been misplaced and although there is no plan to do anything additional this year, all appears to be well with little or no changes. Monitoring near the Land Fill is always an open question but there was general agreement that the new changes made at the land fill were advantageous to the pond.

Upcoming meeting dates (Tentative)

A decision was made to delay the announcement of next year's dates of all meetings until spring 2014 in an attempt to avoid conflicts with the other major charitable organizations in the area, noting that Saturday is the preferred slot for all meetings.

Very special thanks go out to Mimzie Uhler who has served as Secretary since the turn of the century. Also our best wishes to Roger for a speedy recovery from recent surgery.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jude Ruhm and Bob Maloney, Acting Secretary