

White Oak Pond Watershed Association Board Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2015 – 3:00 pm
Home of Bob Maloney and Bonnie Hunt

Final (as approved at 6/25/2016 bd mtg)

The meeting was called to order promptly at 3:00 pm by President Bob Maloney.

Meeting Attendees: Bob Maloney, President; Kevin Frank, Vice President; Will Stratton, Treasurer; Dolores Hopper, Secretary; Anne Knight; Michael Bogdanow; Marge Bogdanow; Kathy Lovett Weymouth; Bruce Falby; Janet Cocchiaro; Lois Stratton; Galen Beach; Will Brown; Susan Levin; Nancy Isikoff and Tom Hopper

Bob welcomed new board members Janet Cocchiaro and Dolores Hopper.

Board Meeting Minutes

The June 27, 2015 Board Meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Membership Committee

Lois Stratton agreed to stay on as chair of the Membership Committee but requested assistance. Joan Vicinus and Anne Knight agreed to serve on this committee along with Lois.

There are presently 34 paid members for this fiscal year. There was a consensus that the combination of emails and postal mailings in the early spring helped to increase membership. A question was raised as to whether or not we are reaching everyone. Bob provided a list of members without email addresses to the Membership Committee who will compare it to their present database. The Committee will also work on obtaining a master list of landowners in the White Oak Pond watershed to include them in the mailings. Bob left it to the committee to decide when to send out the mailings.

Lois asked if she should print updated brochures. Members present stated that the brochures were well done and useful for educating the public. All agreed to have them reprinted with updated information.

Treasurer Will Stratton reported that the 34 members brought in \$1285 and the only bill paid was \$255 for the boat motor maintenance.

Bob expressed appreciation to the Irelands for donating the motor. It was decided that each year it would need to be emptied of gasoline and preservatives put in.

Mary H. Perry Conservation Fund

Bob reported that investments being handled by Roger's office equal \$14,913 and are earning between 3 to 4% as a "Total Return". There are no easements pending as this time. Committee members – Bob Maloney, Rich Cocchiaro and Kevin Frank meet only when there are pending easement issues or requests.

Bob was pleased that the Perry Fund was listed in the Squam Lakes Conservation Society's Financial Summary as part of their Reserved Funds.

Fall Drawdown of Pond

Bob reported that the boards of the dam were taken down on Tuesday, August 10th to begin the drawdown of the pond and now the gate has been raised – you can begin to see the damage to the dam. All is going as planned. Walter Johnson the Town Administrator is leaving Holderness and the new Town Administrator (yet to be appointment) will step in shortly. Walter starts his new job in Moultonborough starting September 8th. Kevin Coburn, Holderness Highway Agent will be coordinating with DES and DOT on the repairs of the dam and the culverts. The work will take about one week and is scheduled to begin in mid-September. If there are any issues, our only recourse would be to the Chair of the Board of Selectmen. The town is now budgeting \$1,000 per year for the ongoing dam fund.

Water Committee

Nancy Isikoff mentioned that there is a conductivity concern and questioned whether we should be trying to minimize road salt. Galen stated that there could be various causes of high conductivity. The committee has been given the authority to talk to DOT and with Squam Lakes Association to determine if anything can be learned.

Galen reported that the 2nd and final water testing for the year was completed last Friday (8/14/15) but no one was available to transport the samples down to Concord by a certain deadline. Roger Uhler took the water samples to Concord by the 1 PM deadline on Friday, August 15\4th.. Many members present spoke up and stated if that was to happen again that testers should reach out to other board members who may be able to assist.

Results of the water testing have not yet been received but will be emailed to board members once available. There will be no more testing this year. SLA does not use the state for their testing but utilizes a private lab. Janet and Nancy will check with SLA on their testing process.

Committee Responsibilities

Nominating Committee - Bob expressed thanks to Dolores (Dee) Hopper for stepping up as Secretary. He feels each board member has a responsibility for asking others to be a board member. Blake Ireland will be going off the board. At some point Bob needs replacement as the chair.

Anne Knight asked if the duties of the Secretary should include minutes and correspondence or just minutes. Bob stated that correspondence should be left to the Membership Committee and the Secretary focus on the minutes.

Mary Perry Fund – Kevin Frank, Rich Cocchiaro and Bob Maloney.—No actions at the present time.

Set up and Food Committee for Annual Meeting – Kathy Weymouth agreed to continue in this role.

Weed Watchers – Marge Bogdanow will continue as overseer but all waterfront owners and members need to share in this responsibility. Marge will send out photos of invasive weeds to be watching for but if members have concerns they should bring them back. The first step would be to identify the weed then to decide how to deal with it. SLA could be a good resource. The recommended method of getting rid of the weeds is by taking them up by the root. Freezing will help to eradicate some of the weeds. Thus far milfoil has not been spotted.

Water Quality – Galen Beach, Nancy Voorhis, Janet Cocchiaro and Nancy Isikoff and Roger Uhler.

Times for Board and Annual Meetings – Bob reported that he will try to establish the meetings so they do not conflict with SLCS, SLA and Science Center meetings but their dates have not yet been posted. He set the first meeting for June 25th at 9am at his house and in April will make decisions about the other meetings.

Other Business

Nancy Voorhis is updating names and addresses of members that Mimzie started.

Bob thanked Bruce Falby for reviewing the deeds and providing a legal summary of who has what rights to the dam and the water.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Hopper, Secretary

