

**White Oak Pond Watershed Association
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
August 29th, 2016
Home of Bob Maloney and Bonnie Hunt**

**FINAL (last modified 9/15/16)
approved at 6/24/17 Board Meeting**

President Bob Maloney called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. New members were welcomed.

Board Members Present: Bob Maloney, President; Walter Johnson, Treasurer; Dolores Hopper, Secretary; Roger Uhler, Bruce Falby, Margie Bogdanow, Anne Knight, Lois Stratton, Janet Cocchiaro and Susan Levin

Other WOPWA Members Present: Michael Bogdanow and Nancy Isikoff

Board Members Not Present: Joan Vicinus, Kevin Frank, Galen Beach, and Kathy Weymouth

Board Meeting Minutes:

Review of the minutes from the last Board meeting – June 25th, 2016. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Annual Meeting Minutes:

The Secretary will add the discussion that took place at the Annual Meeting regarding placement of a boat rack at the put-in.

Membership Committee – Anne Knight and Walter Johnson

Anne notified, by mail, the people that had not yet paid their dues. Walter reported that as of 8/27/16, there are 40 paid members. Michael Bogdanow will be redesigning a new brochure incorporating all previous suggestions.

Mary H. Perry Conservation Fund – Bob Maloney

The current balance is \$17,159 that includes \$1,303 proceeds from the Barn Dance.

Janet Cocchiaro, Postage Due and all those that helped out were thanked for their efforts in making the dance a great success.

There are no easements pending at this time.

Fall Drawdown of Pond

It is not anticipated that any drawdown of substance will take place this fall nor for the next 3 to 5 years. However, there will be the normal fall drawdown. Unless there is an emergency, plenty of notice will be given to homeowners prior to any future drawdown. In

coordination with WOPWA, Kevin Coburn, from the Holderness Highway Department, has assumed the responsibility for maintaining the pond's level.

To keep the sand from running off the road into the put-in area, the state installed a rock run as a filter. It made an improvement but it did result in eliminating some of the parking spaces.

Bob Rothchild

Bob R. declined the idea of installing a donation box at the put-in.

Bob R. had requested that a non-binding agreement for WOPWA members be created that would outline the need for homeowners to maintain the beauty and tranquility of the pond and to consider the effect to others when property changes are made. After much discussion about the role of WOPWA and its members to educate new owners and the public and to foster communication and neighborliness; a motion was moved, seconded and approved to put this on hold until the June meeting. Prior to the meeting, Bob M. will forward a draft proposal written by Roger LaRochelle which attendees felt was more in line with what is intended.

Because it may infringe on a future sale of the Rothchild property, Bob R. does not wish to offer a permanent easement to the dam. He will, however, be sure to educate the new owners about the dam.

Committee Responsibilities

New Treasurer – Walter Johnson was thanked for stepping up as Treasurer. It was suggested that there be some way to honor Will Stratton for his many years of service. Janet and Roger volunteered to present something to him at next year's Annual Meeting.

Mary Perry Fund – Kevin Frank, Rich Cocchiaro and Bob Maloney will continue as overseers.

Food Committee for Annual Meeting – It is unclear if Kathy Weymouth will continue as the organizer. Bob will speak with her.

Barn Dance Committee – Since the Barn Dance was so successful, should we consider having a committee and having one again next year? Many agreed it is a good idea and it was enjoyable being together in a social atmosphere. Janet agreed to organize it for next year.

Weed Watchers – Margie Bognadow has been the overseer but there is no longer a committee since it is everyone's responsibility to watch for unwanted weeds. SLA had a weed-watching education event on White Oak Pond this summer that was well attended by WOPWA members. There were no unwanted weeds sighted. It was suggested that there be another similar education event next summer.

Water Quality – Galen Beach, Nancy Voorhis and Janet Cocchiaro will continue on this committee. In the 3 samplings done this year, there were no new issues. Dee reported spotting 6 dead small fish and 2 dead crawfish. No one else witnessed such activity but all were asked to be aware of this issue. It was mentioned that this might not be an unusual occurrence. Bruce reported that the town has paved the road that crosses Lamb Brook, one of the test sites that showed high conductivity. His concern is that they will now utilize salt in that area. Nancy I. will talk to Kevin Colburn about the town not salting that area.

Membership Committee – Anne Knight is now the chair with Lois Stratton and Joan Vicinus as members.

Time for Board and Annual Meetings – In order to avoid conflicts, Bob waits until April after other organizations have established their schedules before he sets dates for WOPWA meetings. Members present preferred that meetings start at 9:30 am. Bob has established the date of the first meeting to be Saturday, June 24, 2017 at the home of Bob Maloney and Bonnie Hunt at 9:30am.

Liaison Positions with other Charitable Organizations

At the Annual Meeting Bob M. had suggested that we have liaison positions whose responsibility would be to communicate information between the organizations. The liaisons would send Newsletters or information from their respective organizations and Bob will see that they get posted on the Web site. Everyone agreed this to be a good idea. Following is a list of the volunteers:

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center – Anne Levin

Loon Preservation Committee – Tom Hopper

Squam Lakes Association – Nancy Isikoff

Squam Lakes Conservation Society – Anne Knight

Other Issues

Margie will be setting up a Google account for those who do not use Facebook.

Susan Levin suggested that we have interns to work on WOPWA's social media. After some discussion, a motion was moved, seconded and approved that we would recruit a social media intern as a junior non-paying member of the board. Susan and Margie agreed to work on this proposal.

Susan Levin will work on getting new t-shirts for WOPWA. She will come up with a design and forward her ideas to the board members.

Dee reported that the new owners of the Hirsch's house, 54 White Oak Pond Road, (Brandon Stafford and Sharon Komarow) have submitted a Shoreland Permit Application to the NH DES for a proposed project that will involve: replacing the existing home with a new home in the same footprint, construction of a new septic system and revising the driveway.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores C. Hopper, Secretary