

**White Oak Pond Watershed Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 24, 2017  
Hunt-Maloney Home--31 Coxboro Road  
MINUTES  
Final Version - approved at 9/2/17 Board Meeting**

President Bob Maloney called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM and greeted any late arrivals.

**Board Members Present:** Bob Maloney, President; Walter Johnson, Treasurer; Anne Knight (acting secretary); Bruce Falby, Mimzie Uhler (for Roger), Lois Stratton, Joan Vicinus, Janet Cocchiaro and Susan Levin

**Board Members Not Present:** Kevin Frank, Dee Hopper, Galen Beach, and Michael Bogdanow

**Board Meeting Minutes:**

Review of the minutes from the last Board meeting – 8/29/16. Minutes were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report: – Walter Johnson**

As of June 23, 2017, revenues from dues and interest are \$1,800.21 while expenses were \$848.14, leaving a YTD balance of \$3,328.27.

**Membership Committee – Anne Knight**

**Members:** Anne reported that as of 6/24/17, there are 46 paid members (6@\$10, 2@\$20, 16@\$25, 19@\$50, and 3@\$100). This compares to 47 members last year. Both Susan Levin and Bob Maloney noted that there are several new residents on Coxboro Rd. that they will contact about joining WOPWA. Anne Knight will contact the new residents on White Oak Pond Rd.

**New Brochure:** Michael Bogdanow took the photos and prepared the membership brochure which was then designed by Susan Levin. Susan had 200 copies of the brochure printed at *Adventure Print* in Boston for \$195.00. These brochures will be distributed by Anne/Joan/Lois in places around Holderness in the coming weeks. Each Board member took a few copies to distribute on their own. The Board thanked Michael and Susan for creating a beautiful and informative brochure about WOPWA.

**Membership Database:** Maintained by Walter Johnson in Google Docs and updated by Nancy Voorhis on the WOPWA website. Bob Maloney makes changes whenever he gets them. Walter provided Anne with a list of the paid members. It was suggested that new members be acknowledged with a Welcome letter.

**Water Quality – Galen Beach**

Testing has not been done this summer; yet the report from last year's testing has been placed at the Squam Lakes Association. Galen Beach, Nancy Voorhis and Janet Cocchiaro will continue on this committee. [Noted at 9/2/17 board meeting: Jane Cocchiaro will no longer be serving on this committee. ]

### **Weed Watching – Janet Cocchiaro**

SLA had a weed-watching education event on White Oak Pond last summer that was well attended by WOPWA members. Joan Vicinus agreed to contact Rebecca Hansen at SLA to hold another weed education event this summer.

### **Annual Meeting Food Committee – Kathy Weymouth (prior years)**

Annual meeting will be held July 29 at the Holderness Historical Society. Lois Stratton will make arrangements for food and will prepare a notice about the annual craft sale to be held during the opening social hour.

### **Mary H. Perry Conservation Fund – Bob Maloney**

The current balance is \$17,169 that is held in reserve to reimburse any WOPWA member who puts their land in conservation. Twenty percent of the Fund can be used to offset expenses resulting from that process. Once the Fund reaches \$25,000, no further efforts will be made to raise funds.

There are no easements pending at this time, yet Bob M will ask Roger LaRochelle to remind people of the Fund's existence.

### **Dam Update**

In coordination with WOPWA, Kevin Coburn, from the Holderness Highway Department, assumed the responsibility for maintaining the pond's level. The Board agreed that Kevin has done a remarkable job of trying to understand the water level variations that occur at the dam. Bruce Falby reviewed the legal aspects of the responsibility for the dam and the pond's water, confirming that WOPWA retains control of the water level whereas the town owns the dam. The Town can only modify the water level in an emergency without WOPWA approval and can lower the water level for repairs with WOPWA's permission. Janet Cocchiaro explained that there is a summer level and a winter level of the pond; in the summer with all boards in the dam, if the water gets too high, it flows out over the dam; in the winter, the top board of the dam is removed to lower the water enough so that ice does not do excessive damage the shoreline.

Bob Maloney reported that the Town voted to increase its budget to \$2,500 (from \$1,000 per year) for the management of the White Oak Pond dam.

Walter Johnson recommended that WOPWA resume management of the pond's water level so that no adjustments (except in an emergency or if the dam needs repairs) be made to the dam without permission of WOPWA. The Board President will assume responsibility for the pond's water level management, and may appoint a Board member to volunteer for that task. He will ask Kevin Frank to be WOPWA's "water level volunteer". Bob will also inform Kevin Coburn of the new arrangement and thank him for his diligence.

### **Nominating Committee – Roger Uhler (represented by Mimzie)**

Mimzie distributed a spreadsheet prepared by Roger of the WOPWA Officers and Board members for each year from 2008-09 to 2017-18. Bob made it clear that he will not continue as President after the Annual Meeting so that everyone should be helping to find someone to take that position. Since the next president should probably come from the current or recent Board, Kevin Frank was suggested. Other names suggested for the Board members were Peter Brown and the Bogdanow's daughter. Suggestions for new Board members should be sent to Bob M as soon as possible in order for the names to be included on the Annual Meeting agenda.

By-law changes that limit the number of consecutive terms that the President and VP may serve will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Bob will include the ByLaw change recommendation with the notice for Annual Meeting.

Since Bob Maloney is willing to stay involved in WOPWA, the Board agreed that the position of Communications Director be established and Bob be appointed to serve in that capacity.

Bob suggested that the Board determine a way to acknowledge all past presidents but no suggestions were brought forward.

### **Loons – Bob Maloney**

The LPC has inquired about whether we would permit the banding of the second WOP loon this summer, if any chicks are hatched. Since there is no egg in process on a nest anywhere on the pond this year, it is a moot point. It appears that high water after a huge rain in May may have drowned the nest.

**WOPWA T-Shirts-- Susan Levin**

Susan provided samples of four designs to be used on t-shirts to be sold to WOPWA members. The Board expressed its appreciation for the work done by Susan but could not agree which design to select. Susan agreed to develop a design proposal to be circulated to the membership in the next few weeks so that voting can occur before Annual Meeting and that order forms can be provided at the July 29<sup>th</sup> meeting (if members show enough interest). The expense for the t-shirts will be approximately the same no matter which logo is chosen (50 t-shirts would cost approximately \$500 if one color on a colored t-shirt; or \$750 for 2-color design on a white t-shirt). Price of each t-shirt would also depend on size ordered. These t-shirts are designed primarily for WOPWA members and not the general public.

**Annual Meeting – July 29, 2017, HHS, 9:30 Social; 10:00-11:30 Meeting**

**Speaker:** After discussion about past speakers from other lake's region associations, Joan Vicinus agreed to inquire about the speaker at a recent lecture sponsored by the Historical Society, and thus agreed to arrange for a speaker at this year's meeting.

**Agenda:** Bob M will prepare the agenda and send the notice of Annual Meeting via email.

**Membership Forms:** Anne Knight will prepare membership renewal forms to be printed by Nancy Voorhis from our website and distribute them at Annual Meeting as people pay their dues. In August, she will mail forms to all unpaid members to be returned by August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Next Board meeting: August 27<sup>th</sup>, Sunday at 3:00 PM at the Hunt-Maloney home.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Knight, Acting Secretary

**P.S Reminder: Liaison Positions with other Charitable Organizations**

The liaisons would send Newsletters or information from their respective organizations and Bob will see that they get posted on the Web site. Following is a list of the volunteers:

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center – Anne Levin

Loon Preservation Society – Tom Hopper

Squam Lakes Association – Nancy Isikoff

Squam Lakes Conservation Society – Anne Knight