

White Oak Pond Watershed Association
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
June 30, 2019
Margie and Michael Bogdanow Home – 194 Coxboro Road, Holderness, NH

FINAL
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(Approved at 9/1/19 Board Meeting)

President Margie Bogdanow called the meeting to order at 10:10 am and welcomed everyone.

Meeting Attendees: Galen Beach, Marge Bogdanow, Michael Bogdanow, Janet Cocchiaro, Steven Cohen, Bennett Evans, Bruce Falby, Kevin Frank, Kim Godfrey, Dee Hopper, Nancy Isikoff, Walter Johnson, Anne Knight, William Lenderking, Ann Levin, Peter Levin, Susan Levin, Caryn McHose, Sara Rothschild, Mimzie Uhler, Roger Uhler and Celia Woolverton.

Board Members Not Present: Peter Brown and Joan Vicinus

Board Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2018

The September 2, 2018 Minutes of Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Walter Johnson

Walter reviewed the Treasurer's report as of 6/30/2019: The opening balance was \$4,177.09; revenues were \$2,931.90; expenses were \$1,627.79 leaving a balance of \$5,575.66. See full report on WOPWA web site. The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

All agreed that recommendations for the Annual Meeting are to continue dues and donations as they were for this year. Dues: \$10 Contributing; \$25 Supporting and \$50 Sustaining. Donations as follows: Holderness Historical Society - \$100; Holderness Library -\$100; NH Lakes Association - \$300 and Loon Preservation Committee - \$100. Margie reminded everyone that interested parties may be on the email list of news and information if they do not wish to be members.

Mary Perry Fund – Kevin Frank

Kevin reported that Roger LaRoche, Executive Director of SLCS, stated that the SLCS Board of Directors want to direct attention to White Oak Pond as a major sub-watershed of Squam Lake given that White Oak Pond is only 14% permanently protected while Squam is at 30% permanently protected. They would like to partner with the Mary Perry Fund and are requesting \$1000 donation to help finance a project. The goal of the project is to advance land conservation within the White Oak Pond Watershed by creating a Natural Resource Inventory that describes the various conservation values and attributes. There was discussion as to whether

or not the funding of such a project is in line with the intended purpose of the Perry Fund. Bruce and Kevin will work together to clarify this issue. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to use \$1000 from WOPWA's operating expenses to help finance the project if it is decided that the Perry Fund is not intended for such purposes. This information will be shared at the annual meeting.

Pond Health – Margie Bogdanow

Weed watching should be everyone's responsibility. SLA will again lead another group weed watch on July 20. Everyone interested should meet at the dam at 10 am. All were reminded about the cyanobacteria bloom which occurred last autumn. It is a natural occurrence during long stretches of warm weather. People should stay out of the water when this occurs. SLA would like to be notified as soon as this is witnessed as they will help with sampling and messaging to the community. This will be discussed at the annual meeting.

Nominations and Annual Meeting Topics – Margie Bogdanow

Continuing on the Board with their 2nd year of their 1st term are VP Bruce Falby, Janet Cocchiaro, Kevin Frank, Peter Brown and Celia Woolverton.

Resigning from taking the 2nd year of their 1st term are Anne Knight (her home on WOP is on the market for sale) and Joan Vicinus (who previously sold her home on WOP).

Standing for re-election for a 2nd 2-year term are: Margie Bogdanow, President; Gaylen Beach and Steve Cohen. Members standing for re-election to a one-year term are: Dee Hopper, Secretary and Walter Johnson, Treasurer.

Standing for election to a 1st year term as members are: Kim Godfrey, Sara Rothschild and Bennett Evans.

Dee Hopper and Walter Johnson will write up a short paragraph about their respective roles to aid in recruiting for their positions.

Liaisons:

Kim Godfrey – NH Lakes Assoc

Anne Knight is resigning from Squam Lakes Conservation and will be replaced by Janet Cocchiaro.

Tom Hopper - Loon Preservation Committee

Ann Levin – Squam Lakes Science Center

SLA – vacant

Susan Levin will Coordinate food for annual meeting.

Membership Report – Anne Knight

Anne sent an email to WOPWA members reminding them of the Annual Meeting and to pay membership dues at that time. If there is a change to personal information,

you are requested to complete a new form that can be found on the web site. Anne will send letters to those members that do not attend the Annual Meeting and do not pay their dues. We presently have around 52 members.

Update & Conversation on plans for White Oak Motel Property – Steve Woodsum and Ann Lovett

Steve and Ann presented a brief overview of the planned use of the White Oak Motel property as Betsy's Park to commemorate Betsy O'Leary Abelson who died this past winter in a tragic snowmobile accident. While plans are in an early stage, the overall concept would be to provide a low key park for the local community while preserving the beauty and tranquility of White Oak Pond. A total of \$1.5 million will be raised to purchase the property and begin initial improvements. Nearly half of the funding has already been raised by a few families. SLCA has agreed to handle agency funding while Betsy's Park Board of Directors seeks 501(C)3 status. All present agreed that the concept is a good utilization of the property.

Other Issues/New Business

William Lenderking announced plans for a memorial service to show gratitude for Will and Lois Stratton's many years of commitment to their family and the community. The reception will be on August 9, 2019 at 6PM at the SLA Barn and will feature music by a well-known guitarist. All are invited.

Kevin Frank announced that Roger LaRoche wants to enroll the younger generation in getting involved in the local land conservation movement. SLCS will be hosting a cast iron dutch oven cooking contest at White Oak Pond Farm on Tuesday July 23.

A baby loon has been recently seen.

Margie reminded everyone that fireworks are strongly discouraged around the pond because they are harmful to the environment, the loons and entire bird population.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted

Dolores (Dee) C. Hopper, Secretary