

White Oak Pond Watershed Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
MINUTES  
August 18, 2020  
Via Zoom

FINAL  
as approved at the 4/29/21 BOD Meeting

President Margie Bogdanow called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Meeting Attendees:** Marge Bogdanow, Steven Cohen, Abby Diebold, Bruce Falby, Kevin Frank, Benji Gambel, Dee Hopper, Nancy Isikoff, Kim Godfrey Lovett, Sara Rothschild and Celia Woolverton

**Board Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020**

The Minutes of June 1, 2020 Board Meeting were approved with one correction of the spelling of Sara Rothschild's name. The minutes of June 30, 2020 Board Meeting were approved with one correction of the spelling of Sara Rothschild's name.

**Treasurer's Report**

Walter was not present but had submitted his report to Margie, who shared it with the group. Opening balance was \$4,723.06; Revenue was \$1930.13; Expenses were \$1842.00 leaving a balance of \$4811.19. Please see full report for details.

**Membership – Celia Woolverton**

Walter had reported that 34 members have sent in their dues thus far. At the end of the month Celia stated she will send a reminder to those people who have not yet renewed. Communication about the watershed continues to be an important issue so Margie asked that WOPWA members ask their family members to be put on the email list serve so we can share important information. .

**Water Quality**

There was much discussion about water quality concerns and potential projects to be undertaken by WOPWA. Suggested projects included: encouraging people around the watershed to regularly have their septic systems inspected and pumped; investigating what could be done if anything about the 55 acres for sale that could increase growth in the watershed; checking with Kevin Colburn, Holderness Public Works, on what is causing the increase in mineral levels upstream from the transfer station; working with Center Harbor Highway Department to make sure they are on board with conserving the use of road salt that may leach into the White Oak Pond watershed; having NH Lakes look at our trending data and suggest further testing and action items; getting NH Department of Environmental Services involved; and putting up "Entering White Oak Pond Watershed" signage.

It was also reported that the Young property is up for sale and has potential to be subdivided into 3 lots.

Since the White Oak Pond water quality is such a complex issue with the need for more information, Margie suggested getting a smaller group together to investigate possibilities and make recommendations. Bryan Sweeney had offered to take on a project so she will ask him if he would be willing to head up the group.

There was also discussion about cyanobacteria and the potential for it occurring again this year on White Oak Pond. Everyone should be vigilant and if there are any sightings, it was suggested to get a sample and bring it to SLA. They will get it tested quickly and if results are positive, the NH DES will put up a warning sign at the dam. In the meantime, if cyanobacteria is suspected, an email to the WOPWA list serve about the sighting would be an early warning sign for everyone.

Nancy reported that the next water testing will be on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Results will be put on the web site. It was requested that she send out an email when the results are posted.

Margie will follow-up with Bryan and feels that we need to keep the conversation moving and communication going.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores (Dee) C. Hopper  
Secretary