

White Oak Pond Watershed Association
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
September 1, 2019
Margie and Michael Bogdanow Home – 194 Coxboro Road

FINAL
(Approved at 6/1/2020 Brd Meeting)

President Margie Bogdanow called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm.

Meeting Attendees: Galen Beach, Marge Bogdanow, Michael Bogdanow, Steven Cohen, Bruce Falby, Kevin Frank, Dee Hopper, Bonnie Hunt, Nancy Isikoff, Kim Godfrey Lovett, Eric MacLeish, Sara Rothschild and Celia Woolverton

Board Meeting Minutes – June 30, 2019

The Minutes of June 30, 2019 Board Meeting were approved as submitted. Please submit any changes to the Annual Meeting to Dee Hopper.

Treasurer’s Report – Margie Bogdanow

Report distributed. As of August 30, 2019, the opening balance was \$5,481.20; revenues were \$1,385.18; expenses were \$1,943.95 leaving a balance of \$4,922.43. Please see full report for details.

Reflections on the Yankee Trail Process and Next Steps

Eric MacLeish reported that he, Bob Rothschild and Celia Woolverton submitted an appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) in connection with the Yankee Trail Motel (“The Motel”). The appeal was based on a ruling from the Planning Board that there was no “change of use” on the Motel’s plans to convert motel units to long-term affordable housing.

The appeal, challenges this determination based on the definition of a “Motel” in the Holderness Zoning Ordinance. Concerns were expressed that if the Planning Board’s determination stands, there would be no regulatory oversight over the Motel and others if they converted. Sarah Rothschild expressed her concerns that without oversight, future tenants could potentially be exploited. Other members expressed concerns about the septic system at the Motel being converted from seasonal use to more intense year round use.

After discussion, the Board voted to support the appeal. The Board asked Celia Woolverton to contact Roger Uhler to see if he could appear at the hearing before the ZBA [on September 10 at 6.15pm](#) to convey the Board’s position on the appeal. Bruce Falby volunteered to appear on behalf of the Board if Roger was not able to attend.

Should WOPWA Make a Donation to Betsy's Park

Sara Rothschild, as a board member of Betsy's Park, reported that the first official board meeting took place and another will be held on 10/1/19. The board is still raising funds and is in the process of finding a designer. The board wants to maintain the spirit of the pond. There are presently 7 people on the board but only 2 people from WOPWA. Although Sara will keep us informed, Margie requested that there be an official WOPWA representative on Betsy's Board so that the WOPWA board has a voice. Sara will discuss this request with Betsy's Park Board. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that WOPWA donate \$500 to Betsy's Park that will show that WOPWA cares about the project and wants to be involved.

Communication Strategy for the Fall/Winter

Since there is so much activity going on surrounding WOPWA, Margie requests that everyone communicate whatever they learn – the more the better. Board members could utilize the board group instead of the entire WOPWA, dependent on the issue.

There have been many emails to the WOPWA group about the White Oak Motel sale – Margie will address this issue and remind people that when they respond, the entire group receives the email.

Watershed Management Plan/Possible Signage for White Oak Pond Watershed and at the Dam

NH LAKES – signs stating that you have entered the White Oak Pond Watershed posted around the area at this time seem unreasonable. However, a sign at the dam reminding people to clean their boats before launching is very desirable. As the representative of the NH Lakes, Kim will pursue obtaining the appropriate signage.

Mary Perry Fund

There was discussion about the possibility of changing the use of the Mary Perry Fund from helping to finance those wanting to put land in conservation to a broader definition. Kevin was not inclined to want to change parameters at this time. The Board agreed that it made sense to leave as is.

Other Business

Flight training of the baby loon has been occurring, however the eagle had been sited frequently flying over the pond.

WOPWA is out of brochures and the question was raised as to whether we should reprint. It was decided to wait until spring and to put the issue on spring agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.
Respectfully submitted
Dolores (Dee) C. Hopper
Secretary