

White Oak Pond Watershed Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
MINUTES  
June 1, 2020  
Via Zoom

FINAL  
as approved at 8/18/2020 Board Meeting

President Margie Bogdanow called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Meeting Attendees:** Marge Bogdanow, Michael Bogdanow, Janet Cocchiaro, Steven Cohen, Bennett Evans, Bruce Falby, Kevin Frank, Dee Hopper, Bonnie Hunt, Nancy Isikoff, Walter Johnson, Kim Godfrey Lovett, Sara Rothschild, Bryan Sweeny and Celia Woolverton, Bob Maloney.

**Introductions**

Margie welcomed everyone to the board meeting and all present introduced themselves.

**Board Meeting Minutes – September 1, 2019**

The Minutes of September 1, 2019 Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer’s Report – Walter Johnson**

As of May 31, 2020, cash on hand was \$4,722.82. Please see full report for details. Dues for 2020 are now being accepted.

**History and Mission of WOPWA – Kevin Frank and Janet Cocchiaro**

Kevin and Janet have been interested in preserving the history of WOPWA to pass along to new members. Bill Perry created a document on the origins and good works of WOPWA at some point and Sid Lovett created a document for WOPWA’s 25th anniversary in 1997. There are also several other historical documents in the archives. Janet has synthesized several of the history drafts. She would like to have Sid Lovett review her report and would like the board to consider it being an official document of WOPWA history. There has been a lot of turnover throughout the years and it would be a way to honor them and communicate it to all of us and all new members. All present were interested in the document. Margie will see that the report gets forwarded to all for feedback. After Janet reviews the feedback and finalizes it, it can be included as part of the membership packets for new members, along with best practices for taking care of the watershed.

It was stated that 2023 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WOPWA – should we consider a celebration?

Michael stated that there is a brief history of White Oak Pond in the book titled "Squam" at SLA and Dee mentioned that on old maps, White Oak Pond used to be called Minnisquam.

### **Membership – Celia Woolverton**

Celia reported that Nancy Voorhis should be credited for the work she has done on cleaning up the membership list. Together they recognized that there were many past dues not received amounting to over \$600. Celia will continue to send out dues reminders. She questioned the need for "Contributing Membership" category for \$10. It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to simplify the form and eliminate that category. She also suggested adding PayPal or Venmo payment options to make it easier for members. Walter agreed and he will look into setting them up. Margie commented that she has been focusing on getting the word out about the pond rather than membership.

### **Betsy's Park – Sarah Rothschild**

Sarah explained that because there was an intended change of use for the property, Betsy's Park Board of Directors was required to submit an application to the Planning Board which was approved. Some of the houses have already been removed and the main building has been repainted. They have a preliminary design and presently are focusing on clearing, taking out invasive plants and creating the hiking trail. They meet every Thursday and all are welcomed. Donations at any level to the development continue to be accepted. If you want to learn what is happening at the park, go to the website and subscribe at [betsysparknh.org](http://betsysparknh.org).

### **Annual Meeting and Nominations – Margie Bogdanow**

Margie suggested that the right thing to do would be to have a virtual Annual Meeting. All agreed. After discussion it was decided to conduct the Annual Meeting at 9am on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested we have a presentation on Betsy's Park or the Loon Preservation. If there are other suggestions, please let Margie know.

Walter Johnson, Treasurer and Dee Hopper, Secretary have agreed to continue in their respective roles for this next term. Janet Cocchiaro has completed her term on the board leaving a vacancy. In addition there are other openings. Bryan Sweeney and Bonnie Hunt have been nominated to the board and have agreed to serve. Anyone interested in being on the board or have suggestions for new board members should speak to Margie.

### **New Business**

Mary Perry Fund – it was suggested that Walter report on the balance of the Fund for the annual meeting. He will have it available.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – many suggestions were discussed. It was decided to form a committee at the Annual Meeting to develop a plan.

Signage for Cleaning Boats – signs were dropped off at the launch area. It was suggested that there also be a sign of safety rules since there was a serious incident that occurred early this spring. Bennet agreed to investigate education signage and will also send out anything he learns to the membership.

Janet questioned what should be done with the money we have in the bank. One suggestion was to use it for the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores (Dee) C. Hopper  
Secretary

**Addendum:** By email vote the Board recommended the following donations and dues to be presented to the membership at the annual meeting..

NH LAKES	\$300 Dues
Loon Preservation Committee	\$100 Donation
Holderness Historical Society	\$100 Donation
Holderness Public Library	\$100 Donation