

White Oak Pond Watershed Association
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
April 29, 2021
Via Zoom

FINAL
As approved at 6/1/2021 BOD meeting

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

Meeting Attendees: Marge Bogdanow, Michael Bogdanow, Martha Brooks, Janet Cocchiaro, Steven Cohen, Sara Cohen, Cici Cyr, William Diebold, Bennett Evans, Bruce Falby, Dan Falby, Kevin Frank, Deborah Freeberg, Benjamin Gampel, Dee Hopper, Bonnie Hunt, Nancy Isikoff, William Lenderking, Susan Levin, Kim Lovett, Robert Mahoney, Sara Rothschild and Nancy Voorhis.

Board Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2020

The Minutes of August 18, 2020 Board Meeting were approved as submitted. If there are any changes necessary, please notify Dee Hopper.

Treasurer’s Report – Margie Bogdanow for Walter Johnson

As of 04/28/2021 the opening balance was \$4,723.06; Revenue was \$2,210.13; Expenses were \$2,202.99 leaving a balance of \$4730.70. Please see full report for details.

Annual Meeting and Nominating Committee – Margie Bogdanow

Michael Bogdanow, Sara Rothschild and Kim Lovett volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee.

Margie raised the question as to whether to hold the WOPWA Annual Meeting as a Zoom meeting or in person. Since more people may be able to attend a Zoom meeting, it was decided to conduct a Zoom WOPWA Annual meeting but a social event in addition which may be held on a different date. The meeting is scheduled for July 24th. Nancy Isikoff, Bonnie Hunt and William Lenderking volunteered to organize the social event.

Water Quality – Review (NH Lakes, Natural Resources Inventory, Proposed Development) and Next Steps – Margie Bogdanow

Several WOPWA members attended Dr. Van de Pol’s Natural Resource Inventory presentation and the Squam Lakes Conservation Commission meeting. Both meetings provided information about the water quality of White Oak Pond making it clear that the pond is in jeopardy with rising levels of chloride and phosphorus and more frequent outbreaks of Cyanobacteria. In addition, there is a proposed subdivision development on Lane Road – on top of a steep hill above Coxboro Road. Margie asked what the role of our organization should be and whether there is a need for a strategic plan.

Given the Mission Statement of WOPWA “to protect the quality of the water of the Pond and tributaries,” Nancy Isikoff made a motion that the WOPWA Board send a letter to the Holderness Planning Board in regards to the Howard Subdivision proposal requiring the applicant to undergo an environmental impact study as well as a hydrological study. The motion was seconded by Kevin Frank. After much discussion about the need to balance the rights of individual land owners and the role of an organization and its concern to protect the environment; the Board unanimously passed the motion. The importance of getting the letter to the Planning Board well before their meeting and having as many WOPWA members attend the Planning Board Meeting as possible was stressed.

Next steps were discussed including WOPWA Board Members taking leadership role by participating in the Lake Smart Program, communicating the issues and developing a Watershed Plan. Nancy Isikoff volunteered to coordinate the Lake Smart Program efforts.

New Business

There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores (Dee) C. Hopper
Secretary