

Herring Ponds Watershed Association

Board of Directors Meeting, August 26, 2019, Williams residence

Attended by: Don Williams, Phil Angell, John Foye, Christine Yorty, Ramona Krogman, Brian Harrington, Patrice O'Connor, Lee Pulis, Geri Williams, Martha Sheldon, Beth Sobilloff

President Don Williams Opened meeting at 7:02 PM

Treasurer's Report **John Foye**
Reviewed July balance sheet
Motion made to accept:
Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet balance of \$24,705.53
Seconded and passed

Secretary **Motion made to accept:**
Minutes of Board of Directors meeting July 29, 2019
Seconded and passed

Old Business Rising Tide Summer Course Participation, Lee Pulis
No new information, no action

HPWA Ranked Secondary Goals distributed by Don Williams
Fund raising for Condon property will need to be a priority

New Business Watershed Management Plan
Questions about the old proposal from 2016
Should be called Water Quality Plan (WQP)
Run off sampling Oct – Dec may not be representative
Current water quality data needed for website
Look for other grant sources, such as MVP, SEMPBA
Was there an old RFP for reference?
Were three bids collected?
Would HPWA be involved in the process?
Would price be same?

Bill Keohan
Chair, Community Preservation Committee, Town of Plymouth
Updated Condon property
Any money raised by general public will help pass the article at town meeting

Motion made to accept

Patrice O'Connor as Chair of ad hoc Social Media Committee

Seconded and passed

Group Members: Martha, Geri, Ramona, Beth

Next Meetings

Board of Directors: 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16

General Meeting: 9/26, Little Red School House

Motion made to adjourn, seconded and passed at 9:30 PM

BOD Meeting Agenda 08/26/19

- 1) Condon Property Acquisition Update – Bill Keohan
- 2) BOD Meeting 07/29/19 Minutes approval – Peg
- 3) Treasurer's July Balance Sheet Report – John
- 4) Committee Reports – Any Questions?

6) Old Business

- a) Rising Tide Summer Course Participation – Lee
- b) HPWA Secondary Goals Ranking – Don
- c) Safety Discussion – Paula, Phil (if present)

7) New Business

- a) Watershed Management Plan -- Don
 - b) Safety – Getting the Word Out Ideas – Paula (if present)
 - c) General Meetings Discussion – With Wildlands Trust, By Ourselves -- Geri
 - d) Fund Raising Ideas -- Patrice
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- 8) Any other business?
 - 9) Next BOD Meetings 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16
 - 10) General Meeting 9/26 (Little Red Schoolhouse)
 - 11) Adjournment

Don Williams, Chair

August 26, 2019

Board of Directors,

The activities and plans of the Water Quality Committee are summarized below:

Activities:

- The sampling crew and Kim took water quality, e. coli, DO and Secchi readings on August 26. We were joined by Ceci and her mother. Jim Smith and I also took the LHP and Carters River samples
- I took two samples for Envirotech evaluation at Elbow Pond. In this effort, I was helped by member Tom Oertel who loaned me his kayak. These samples will provide baseline data so that the Elbow Pond residents can track their water quality.
- With its obligations to help Plymouth purchase the Condon property, HPWA cannot afford to raise an additional \$40,000 to finance the Watershed Management Plan.
- I met with Pete Schwartzman, president of the Savery Pond Watershed and shared some information. Pete lives in Washington state and is a hydrologist. As such he is collecting data about water movement around Savery Pond.
- I wrote a summary of the Watershed Management Plan process and, along with the Proposal from Eichner/SMASST, distributed it to the BOD in preparation for the August 26 BOD meeting discussion.
- I took Meghna and Megan out for zooplankton sampling on August 15. Again, the zooplankton seemed reduced by the feasting herring fry from the previous month. They told me that the first batch of young herring have already returned to the ocean.

Plans:

- The BOD will discuss the WMP issue and gather information in anticipation of trying to finance a WMP this spring.
- Tom Oertel will arrange a meeting with a resident on Island Pond to assess their interest in a closer relationship with HPWA.
- Meghna and I will do our final zooplankton sampling on August 26.

EduCom Report – for August 26, 2019 BoD Meeting – Lee Pulis

Shed Faire 2019 – further donation to Camp Clark, and additional folk art income

John, Beth and Lee took a tour of Camp Clark in session on August 8, led by YMCA VP Derek Paiva. We visited all the program areas and activities, and met staff and other donors. Approximately 400 kids were attending for week 8 of 10, with about 2/3 in the elementary school ages. John presented a \$500 check to administrative assistant Martha Costello.



One of the fun areas noted at the camp was a huge inflatable play structure that featured a built-in ladder (on right in photo) and 2 parallel slides. This is a great educational tool for teaching about herring migration, in conjunction with some HPWA folk art predators and super hero herring comics. The camp had not made that connection, but may in the future. The post-top folk art eagle that did not sell at Shed Faire was donated to sit atop the archery range gateway.



Further Shed Faire folk art sales at the Picnic included a great blue heron and 3 pole sign logo fish for a total of \$100. On August 24 a newly made Redtailed hawk sold, adding another \$100 to proceeds (both checks due to John at BoD mtg).



Educational Fish Ladder Playspace Proposal for World Fish Migration Day, May 16, 2020

A draft Disney Playground Grant (\$30K, 1:1 match, in-kinds accepted), for discussion with Town officials is a separate attachment. The proposal is for installation of a permanent professional fish ladder play feature on the Town-owned designated park site near the Grist Mill, where our prototype activity was tested with 100+ kids this year. An initial meeting with David Gould will be sought next week. [Anyone wishing to participate refining the idea or joining the discussion is welcome.](#)

Functional Paypal “Donate” button added to current website

Beth, John and Lee met August 16 to activate and install the capability to receive donations to HPWA electronically via our current website. Beth will report further details and future next steps for extending this capability to similarly receive membership dues, along with plans and timing for launching the new website.

Facebook social media posts since last report:

All Facebook posts are public and viewable at:

<https://www.facebook.com/HerringPondWatershedAssociation/>

Aug 13: Late summer eNewsletter link to full copy post on website

Aug 6: Link to OCM/wickedlocal multi-photo article of picnic

Aug 3: Photo of Tess at Picnic

July 29: Picnic post link to OCM/wickedlocal event article

July 28: Picnic signposts photo and reminder

Invasive Species Committee

Chair Jerry Levine

for 8/26/2019 BoD Mtg

Sampling with Sara Grady for invasive aquatic plants in both Herring Ponds. We will be sampling the first week in Sept.

As I am involved with the Water Quality Committee in sampling the pond, I will be looking for invasive plants during the water sampling.

The summer intern working with HPWA is doing data searches of the 11 ponds within our watershed. She will be going out on Monday 8/26 to observe our sampling technics. Kim will be also on board the boat which should provide valuable information to Ceci our intern.

I would like to add a few additional members to the Invasive Species Committee, if you have any contacts that would be interest in being a member of this committee please have them contact me.

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