

THE HERRING PONDS WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting

December 9th, 2019

42 Carter's Bridge Road, Plymouth, MA 02360

Submitted by Philip Angell

Present: Don Williams, John Foye, Phil Angell, Margaret Burke, Jerry Levine, Lee Pulis, Ramona Krogman, Beth Sobiloff, Geri Williams, Lee Pulis

- 1) President Don Williams brought the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and commended the Board on the accomplishments of 2019.
- 2) Phil related the need for a device to record meetings for the benefit of the acting Secretary. He made a motion to have \$120 authorized for the purchase of such a device. Seconded and passed unanimously. Phil will shop for it and phone apps will be looked into as well.
- 3) Future for Secretary's Position. Further discussion of difficulty in finding a Secretary, duties will continue to be rotated. Don will maintain the paper records of Reports and Minutes for the time being and Beth will upload the Minutes to the website regularly.
- 4) Approval of BOD October 21st. Minutes accepted as presented.
- 5) Treasurer John Foye presented the October and November Balance Sheets. After discussion they were accepted.
- 6) A discussion of the need for and Annual Budget Figure for the purpose of establishing an amount for a prudent reserve was discussed and John will present his estimate for the Figure at the next meeting.
- 7) John briefed the Board on the status of the Condon Property fundraising. With the exception of the Muther pledge nearly all the pledges have been collected and by the end of the year. John will deliver to the appropriate entity the following: \$3,100 from the BOD individual members, \$9,000 from BOD treasury, and \$16,380 from HPWA members and friends. The total for 2019 will be \$28,480 with an additional \$10,000 expected in 2020.

8) There were no questions or comments on the Committee Reports. Geri led a discussion regarding programs coming up for 2020. She hopes to collaborate with Wildlands Trust on a fish migration program. Additionally we are hoping to include programs from Melissa Ferretti (Wampanoag), National Marine Life Center, Bill Keohan and Malcolm MacGregor (open space and trails), and/or Don Anderson (cyanobacteria).

9) Summary of Meetings Attended

a) Comments on Safety Meeting. In Paula's absence, this item was tabled.

b) COPC discussion passed by.

c) Interns: Beth explained that our 2 interns are working with her and giving us the benefit of a fresh and young insight as to what is the most attractive material to include on our website. As a result, more data intensive information is generally going to be accessed via a link from a page with more general information or executive summary.

10) Old Business

World Fish Migration Day planning. After discussion it was unanimously passed that Ramona would head up and ad hoc committee to address this opportunity with an initial budget of \$500 to be reviewed and amended if necessary as new expenses arise.

11) New Business

a) \$300 donation to WAA unanimously approved.

b) Fresh water patrol officer. It was agreed unanimously that we would promote this idea with 4 approaches:

1. Don would write a letter from HPWA to David Gould in support of this idea.

2. Don would contact the other watershed associations in Plymouth to enlist their support.

3. An appeal would be made to our Newsletter recipients to make their voices heard with a phone call or a letter

4. Member support would be further stimulated with a Constant Contact mailing urging recipients to contact David Gould.

c. Don suggested that the Board consider reviewing Minutes toward the end of the meeting rather than in the beginning and after discussion the idea was shelved.

12) Next BOD Meetings. The Board agreed to Meet February 23rd at Phil and Sandi's house, March 23rd back at Don and Geri's, and April 20th.

13) Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.