

THE HERRING POND WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting

June 8, 2020

ZOOM Meeting

Submitted by BOD Member At-large Margaret Burke

Present: Don Williams, Geri Williams, Brian Harrington, Martha Sheldon, John Foye, Margaret Burke, Beth Sobiloff, Phil Angell, Ramona Krogman, Melissa Ferretti, Jack Kedian, Danielle Fusco, Paula Kuketz, Jerry Levine.

President Don Williams brought the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. **The first order of business was a motion by Geri to approve/vote for Danielle Fusco to become secretary of HPWA for a term of one year. The motion was seconded by Martha and passed unanimously. Ramona made a motion to appoint/vote Melissa Ferretti a HPWA Board of Director Member At-large. The motion was seconded by Geri and passed unanimously.**

Don Williams said he would do the 4/20/2020 BOD meeting minutes and present them for approval at a future date. **The Treasurers reports were addressed and Jack made a motion to accept the April balance sheet with a second by Geri. The vote to accept was unanimous. Ramona made a motion to accept the May balance sheet and Geri seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.** It was decided to wait until the end of June to address the Sixth Month Review of the Budget.

Committee reports were discussed. It was decided that a welcome letter and the material that was supposed to go to the WAA legislative breakfast would be sent to new Senator, Susan Moran. It was also decided that the HPWA membership would be notified of openings on the Cedarville Steering Committee, the Plymouth Planning Board and the Plymouth Open Space Committee. Don reported he did have a water quality committee meeting.

Don reported in terms of agenda item #8, Meetings Attended, that he and Brian attended in different "TIMES" the WAA "MEETING THAT DISCUSSED THE 2021 SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM."

Under, Old Business, there was a discussion of the annual August picnic. It was decided, based on the recent COVID19 pandemic, that the picnic would be postponed. Melissa mentioned that, in addition to safety concerns, HPWA would also have to consider liability issues. There is consideration of having an event taking place on October 24th., the date picked to celebrate World Fish Migration Day. Geri will put out a newsletter in July announcing the slate of officers which are normally voted on at the August General Meeting. It was decided that this meeting will be held in the Williams back yard which is large enough for social distancing with the date to be determined at a future time. Moving on to Website Status, Beth informed the group, except for archiving more information the launch of the website was imminent. Also, under "Old Business" was a discussion of HPWA Bylaws. The revisions were discussed. **Martha made a motion to accept the bylaws with amendments, and Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed with 12 votes in favor and 2 against.** Next the nominating committee presented the slate of Don Williams for President, John Foye for Treasurer and Danielle Fusco for Secretary. **Geri made motion to accept the slate (nominees) and Jerry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Under New Business the board brainstormed over questions for the HPWA constituency survey. Don then asked for volunteers for an ad hoc committee to look for a new Education Committee Chair. Brian and Geri volunteered to serve. Personal goals were not discussed in depth at this meeting and Don already had the personal goals of some of the board members. Brian spoke about a possible land swap that the Town was considering so that the property being considered for acquisition could be contiguous with land presently in land conservation/preservation west of the GHP. It is a recharge area and wildlife corridor. Don brought up the expenditure of \$218.00 for the pre testing of Elbow Pond prior to development (this was later corrected by Treasurer, John Foye, to \$342.00). **There was a motion by Brian to approve \$218.00 out of the water quality budget for two tests in August 2020 and Jerry seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.** The HPWA picnic had already been discussed. The next

BOD meetings are July 13th. and August 10th. with no date yet for September. Don adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:10 p.m.