

THE HERRING POND WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting

July 13, 2020

ZOOM Meeting

Submitted by Secretary Danielle Fusco

Present: Don Williams, Geri Williams, John Foye, Margaret Burke, Beth Sobilloff, Phil Angell, Ramona Krogman, Melissa Ferretti, Danielle Fusco, Paula Kuketz, Jerry Levine.

President Don Williams brought the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the BOD 6/8/20 meeting. There were no corrections suggested and a motion was made by Geri to accept the minutes with a second from Paula. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The Treasurers reports were reviewed by John beginning with the balance sheet. Don made a motion to accept the June balance sheet with a second by Ramona. The vote to accept was unanimous. Geri asked a question about a \$250 donation and John explained that it was from Paul Muther. Future donations will be marked by donor. John asked if there were questions on the six-month review of HPWA budgets which he had sent out to committee members prior to the meeting. Geri had several questions about donations paid and accounts payable which John explained.

Committee reports were discussed. Don reviewed the need to submit reports in PDF. Phil raised a question about safety and the open position for a fresh-water patrol officer. Don said that the Select Board had not approved the position and it was not among the spring Town Meeting articles. He commented that David Gould had promised patrols as existing employees were available. Paula discussed that the Harbormaster was out on the 4th of July and with the pandemic there were less boaters and jet skiers. Safety guidelines are shared via the website. Don mentioned that he and Paula work closely with David Gould on safety. Phil expressed concern over the speed of boaters and other watercraft especially

close to the shore. Paula is going to work with Chad on signage related to certain regulations.

Don reported in terms of agenda item #5, Meetings Attended, that he has been speaking with Jed Smith regarding our efforts in terms of water quality, our concerns, and our fundraising efforts.

Under, Old Business, there was a discussion of the website. All committee members agreed it was a great improvement by the committee and thanked Beth. Geri expressed that she would like to see more than just 1 ½ years of newsletters on the website. It was also mentioned that Peg Burke be listed as a member at large. There was a discussion about Pay Pal and the ease of using it. Melissa suggested that a QR code would make gift giving easier for donors. Peg suggested that Beth use it on the website and Beth agreed to research it. Melissa has also offered to present a Zoom version of her Wildlands Trust presentation that was postponed due to Covid. Geri will coordinate the programming with her. Elbow Pond testing is \$340 per Don not the \$215 agreed upon. John is going to have members/vendors sign off on contracts regarding various testing, projects, etc. Jerry had discussions with Bill Wood about Elbow Pond handling their own testing and taking responsibility for their pond. We will continue to support their efforts in some fashion including taking on their testing for one more year. There was a discussion of the Education Committee and the Chair seat being vacant. In the interim Phil and Martha will co-chair. Don shared that membership is ahead of budget. The membership report highlights the progress. The meeting in August will be on August 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Williams backyard. The details are in the newsletter. Serving safe during Covid was discussed. Pre-packaged foods will be served, and hand sanitizer will be provided.

Under New Business Don pointed to the Water Quality Report and the encouraging direction of HPWA in making a difference and working with Brian on fundraising. Fundraising was discussed for the \$10,000 needed. A motion was raised by Geri to commit to David Gould that we would raise \$10,000 for the Water Quality Plan if it is approved at the Fall town meeting. The motion was seconded by Paula. An amendment to the motion was brought forth by Geri that the first \$2,000 would be pledged by the treasury with the remaining \$8,000 through fundraising. Paula agreed to the change as second. All were in favor. Don

discussed his personal goals and asked the rest of the BOD to submit theirs. Melissa agreed to lead a tour of the Wampanoag Great Herring Pond Lands. The Board agreed to a September date TBD. Beth mentioned that the survey has already had 49 responses and it was only sent out today. The next BOD meetings are August 13th, September 21st, and October 19th. There was a motion to adjourn with a second and Don adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:10 p.m.