

**Herring Ponds Watershed Association
November 14th, 2022, Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Phil Angell, Paul Denoncourt, Melissa Ferretti, John Foye, Brian Harrington, Jack Kedian, Ramona Krogman, Jerry Levine, Tom O'Brien, Trisha O'Brien, Martha Sheldon, Beth Sobiloff, Don Williams and Geri Williams

President Williams opened the Monday, November 14th, 2022, Zoom meeting at 7:00 PM

Guest Attendee – Bill Keohan, Chair, Community Preservation Committee:

Bill Keohan attended this meeting to discuss our 2017 Plymouth Youth Foundation donation of \$5,000.00 to the Plymouth Youth Foundation for renovation of the club house at Hedges Pond; and our interest in obtaining the Keyes property for watershed preservation.

Hedges Pond Property – Bill gave us a history of the Hedges Pond property from 2007, when it was acquired by the Town, to present. Bill informed us, Plymouth Youth Foundation, who received our donation in 2017, was absorbed by Quintal Brothers Community Trust. They have promised to use our donated money toward the project once it is underway. Bill suggested that HPWA get in contact with Betty Cavacco to inquire about the merger to then get a confirmation of balance of our donation from Quintal Brothers Community Trust. Don Williams said he would handle this.

Keyes Property – HPWA has interest in town or Wampanoag tribe acquiring Keyes property to help preserve our watershed. Bill agrees, because of some wetlands at Keyes property, that it would be beneficial to preserve. He could assist Wampanoag tribe with the process of obtaining non-profit status, as he has done before for other organizations, to help them obtain this property, if it becomes for sale.

Bill Keohan decided he would like to stay for the rest of our meeting. A motion that Bill be allowed to stay was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Approval of September Meeting Minutes:

The Board reviewed and discussed the September 2022 meeting minutes. A motion to approve them as amended by discussion was moved, seconded and unanimously approved. Ramona Krogman abstained as she was not in attendance at September meeting.

Approval of September 2022 and October 2022 Treasurer's Report:

September and October 2022 Treasurer's Reports were reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve each was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Herring Count Update:

Herring Count – Coordinator Ramona Krogman gave us an update of the 2022 Herring count. Numbers were low this year. The Board discussed different programs on herring to offer as Zoom presentations that may be interesting to our members.

Committees:

Outreach Committee – Chair Geri Williams updated us on programs she is looking into for Zoom presentations that may be interesting to our members. She said she would continue to try to line these up and the one's suggested during Ramona's discussion.

Invasive Species Committee – Chair Jerry Levine reported he attended a meeting with residents of Clear Pond that is having a cyanobacteria problem. Jerry explained to them the steps we have taken against cyanobacteria and has volunteered to help them set up an association like HPWA then further help them through the steps we have taken.

Water Safety Committee – Chair Tom O'Brien and his wife Trisha O'Brien reported they were in contact with Plymouth High School on the progress of the Moses Memorial. They will recontact the high school after the new year to remain on their radar.

Water Quality Committee – Chair Don Williams reported that the review committee will meet next week, one last time, to finalize its questions on the Water Quality Study. (Any board member not on the review committee should email Don additional questions and concerns.); get Board approval on these questions; then, meet with Kim and David to present questions; then, hopefully by January go public with plans. In the meantime, it is decided, to update members on our progress with a Facebook post.

Old Business

Randy Parker Letter – At our last meeting the board decided we would talk with Kim and David before we send the letter to Randy Parker. Don met with Kim and David who were in support of the letter. It is decided that we should involve other organizations that have issues with the Conservation Committee. Don to compose a new letter to include other organization's issues.

Herring Festival – Don Williams reported that he talked with Lee Pulis who expressed interest in returning to his role of heading HPWA efforts at the Herring Festival.

Outreach Committee – Chair Geri Williams re-expressed needing help with lining up Zoom Program presentations.

YMCA Camp – We received a thank you letter for our donation to the YMCA summer camp.

New Business

Social Committee – Cheryl and Steve Nichols, residents on Great Herring Pond, have volunteered to organize some new HPWA social events and help with old ones. The Board decided to invite them to one of our future Zoom meetings.

Schedule of upcoming BOD Meetings:

December 19th

January 23rd

President Don Williams asked for motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM