

Memphremagog Watershed Association Board of Directors Meeting
4 p.m. December 3, 2013
Newport City Elementary School Music Room

Present: officers Don Hendrich, Karen Lippens, Pat Vana and Board members Ginnie Bowman, Chet Greenwood, Chrissy Parkinson, Mary Pat Goulding, Gail Lynch, Maria Young. Also, Pam Ladds, Arlan Barber. Absent: Perry Thomas, Ben Copans, Paul Dreher, Lynn Jenness, Bill Round
Moved and seconded to accept the minutes from the November meeting. Passed.

Vermont Watersheds United - Ben and Jerry's Grant has enabled this group to form and be active. We are part of this group and Perry Thomas is our contact person.

2014 Watershed Grant – Don does not want the grant to be for things we could do on our own; we are not applying for a grant this year. Discussion about signage indicating the watershed. Don will contact David Dean and the state fish and game for more information.

Coventry Landfill update – Don is worried that there are misconceptions about the 300,000 to 670,000 tons per year increase that has just been permitted. (ANR and Act 250 hearings happened). This does not mean that the cells are expanding, just that the current ones will fill up faster. Expansion of landfill and leachate are not part of this permit. Act 148 (universal recycling) mandates that trash haulers must accept recyclables and landfills will no longer be allowed to accept recyclables or compostables. Pam mentioned that cities like Philadelphia are sending their toxic materials here. Don believes this landfill is highly monitored. MWA, the City of Newport and MCI are part of the oversight committee which meets twice a year. Don suggested getting Jeff Bordeau here from ANR to speak. Moved and seconded to invite him to a board meeting. Discussion about inviting others.

Vermont Tar Sands Free – a number of municipalities in New England have made resolutions to keep the pipeline from Maine to Montreal tar sands oil free. Discussion about getting involved with this.

Blueberries invoice – Perry paid for the blueberries and would like to get reimbursed for the ones in the community garden. Moved and seconded to reimburse Perry for the blueberries on her invoice. Passed.

Gmail and website procedures – Discussion about how to make things better.

Monitoring gmail

Responding to inquiries

Website tab-cyanobacteria

Minutes on website – not easy to find

Treasurer's report: printing of 200 fall newsletters - \$149.

Committee reports:

Education: facebook meeting will happen soon

Membership: no report

Legislative: no report

Projects: no report

Other business: discussion about infractions along the lake and brooks

The next meeting will be at the Newport City School at 4 p.m. on January 27.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Vana, secretary
Memphremagog Watershed Association