



**Board of Directors Meeting August 25, 2014 ~ 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Goodrich Memorial Library ~ Vermont Room**

President, Perry Thomas opened the meeting at 4:05 p.m. Also present: vice-president Mary Pat Goulding, Secretary, Pat Vana and board members Ginnie Bowman, Gail Lynch, Bill Round, and Maria Young. Also, King Boyd, Ben Copans, Henry Coe and Beth Torpey. Absent: Emily DeHoff, Don Hendrich, Lynn Jenness, Karen Lippens, Ginette Provost, and Paul Dreher. The group introduced themselves and gave their goals for the year. Perry introduced Henry Coe who owns property in the Lamphear Brook Watershed. He explained the problems of the area (strip, chip, and flip) and what he and his group are trying to do about it. Their goal is conservation easements for the entire area (45% already signed up). Discussion about how to educate others and regulations for clear-cutting, etc.

**Secretary's report :** lacking a quorum, the minutes for May 7 and May 21 will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Treasurer's report:**

Checking Account Balance - Dec. 31, 2013 \$ 8,907.67

Checking Account Balance - August 24, 2014 \$ 8,488.70

**Total Revenue \$ 6,453.00**

Membership Revenue (107 members) \$ 5,368.00

Renewals Residence = 80; Renewals Business = 5; "Returns" Res. = 7;

New Residence = 6; New Business = 9

Donation in Honor of King Boyd \$50.00; Donation from Chet Greenwood \$ 25.00; Rain Barrel Sales \$ 455.00; Beer for Buffers Net Revenue \$ 375.00; T-Shirt Sales \$ 180.00

**Expenses to date \$ 6,871.97**

(Stamps \$165.92, M. Gibson Website Design \$680, Chamber of Commerce Dues \$145, \$ 6,871.97

FOVLAP Membership \$50, Self-Stick Envelopes with Return Address \$110, PayPal

Admin Fee \$4.31, Chamber Luncheon \$40, Andres Torizzo-Consulting Services \$100,

Northwoods Education Grant \$500, NFCT Membership \$75, Insurance \$400, Newsletters

Printing \$149, PO Box Rental \$48, Outdoor Furniture \$98.46, Office Supplies \$61.18,

Farmers' Market Vendor Space \$40, Storage Unit Rental \$231.94, Parade Supplies \$39.84,

Mulch and Plants - Clyde River Restoration \$50.50, VIP Workshop Luncheon \$244.60,

Foreign Currency Fee \$8.50, MWA Banner Repair \$10.00, New MWA Banner \$65.00,

Rain Barrel Supplies \$400.25, Educational Printed Material \$168.00, 2 GPS Guides \$58.98,

FOVLAP Annual Meeting \$22.00, 200 Koozies \$320.00, Clyde River Wetlands Paddle \$50.00,

Hose for Welcome Center \$13.75, MWA Scholarships \$1,500, Beer for Buffers Cruise \$369.64,

Tar Sands Forum Printed Material \$42.50, Watershed Workshop \$609.60)

Net Cash Flow - 2014 \$ (418.97)

Active Members: 2010 – 77; 2011- 86; 2012 – 115; 2013 – 109; 2014 Year to Date -107

**Debrief Summer Activities**

- VIP Workshop – good

- Annual Meeting – seems to be more about the program than reports from committees to the membership
- Farmers' Market & Rain Barrels was particularly successful – we need to continue with this endeavor; discussion about where to get barrels
- Parades in Derby and Newport – parades are a successful endeavor but the float team is burned out
- Eagle Point Paddle & Invasives Management- Paul organized a state crew to pull honeysuckle this summer; Bill will try to get students going on this as well
- MCI Annual Meeting – Mary Pat was very well received at the meeting; she bought Louise Abbott's book *Memphremagog* for the organization and is suggesting us selling them nearer Christmas (we would get a cut); Mary Pat's father was an original founding member of MCI; this meeting also was not much business – more program and what the group does
- Tar Sands Panel Discussion – was well attended
- Upper Clyde River Paddle was well-attended and drew people from other areas
- Beer for Buffers was also a good event and Ben Copans did a wonderful job
- Watershed Workshop good and Septic Social (with Mary Clark) was good, but the day was too long
- Stormwater System Study (grants) –first step was study about wastewater going into storm water drains (Stone Environmental) ; next step (new grant) is about nutrients going into the storm water drains
- Landfill oversite (committee meets twice a year – September 9 is the next one) Don will go and Mary Pat will join him)

### **Committee Reports & Plans**

Education - (email from Lynn) Scholarship checks have been sent; storage unit has been organized; T shirts are divided and in the storage shed; Gail mentioned that Ginette would work on blueberries for blue waters with her; Lynn and Sara would like to be removed from the chair of this committee. Committee should meet in September to come up with things for a vote at the October meeting.

Membership - (Ginnie Bowman) 8 responses from 25 reminder letters; business letter garnered new members as has the website.

Projects – (Bill Round) Sylvia Beauregard's painted rain barrel sold for \$95. Sixteen barrels can fit in the storage shed. September 8 is the next water quality testing; there is a hose to empty the rain barrel at the information booth. Cyanobacteria needs to be referenced on our website with a link to the state site; new waterproof books will be available soon.

Public Relations (Mary Pat will chair) Monthly article in local publications; link to FOVLAP; member from each of the other committees; website committee will meet Friday, September 5 at the Northwoods Stewardship Center at 9 a.m. – different sections will be managed by different people; continue with Facebook. Link up with Ducks Unlimited and FFA. Article to follow up on Shore land Protection Act. Suggestion to have Scott Wheeler involved.

MCI's project now is Fitch Bay; Beth Torpey has volunteered to go to meetings with Mary Pat. Ginnie suggested a South Bay clean-up for us which would go well with a loon theme for next year.

Gail will continue to do the newsletter and will serve on Public Relations.

Discussion of next meeting date which should be some time in October.

Respectfully submitted,

