

**Memphremagog Watershed Association Board of Directors Meeting**  
**4 p.m. March 18, 2014**  
**Newport City Elementary School Music Room**

**Present:** officers Don Hendrich, Perry Thomas, Karen Lippens and Board members Ginnie Bowman, Chet Greenwood, Lynn Jenness, Gail Lynch, Chrissy Parkinson, and Bill Round. Also member Pam Ladds. **Absent:** Ben Copans, Paul Dreher, Mary Pat Goulding, Pat Vana, and Maria Young.

Moved and seconded to accept the Minutes from the January 27 meeting. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report: (Karen Lippens)** The Treasurer's Report dated March 10, 2014 was distributed and reviewed. The checking account balance stands at \$8,421.

**Committee Reports:**

**Education: (Lynn Jenness)** The committee's meeting in February was canceled due to weather. 61 people have "liked" our Facebook page.

**Legislative: (Chet Greenwood)** Ginnie Garrison of FOVLAP sent out via email an update on lake-related bills that FOVLAP has been tracking, which Don forwarded to the Board. The Lake Shoreland Protection bill continues to be reworked. It will go into effect July 1 once it is passed.

**Membership: (Ginnie Bowman)** The committee will be meeting tomorrow to discuss a possible e-mail campaign.

**Newsletter: (Gail Lynch)** The spring newsletter will be out by May 30. Articles should be submitted by May 1.

**Projects: (Bill Round)** The committee met on February 12 and discussed many possible activities and events for 2014 including Eagle Point projects, VIP training, waterproofing the VIP guide, VIP viewing scopes, water sampling, rain barrels, cyanobacteria monitoring, Beer for Buffers event, purchase of cozies, wildflower plantings and July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. The committee will meet on March 19.

**Website: (Chet Greenwood)** Our new webmaster, Meg Gibson, is in the process of completing the website and it should be available within the week. It is more user friendly. PayPal was added to the website for the purchase of t-shirts and memberships/donations. The website will include legislative updates, cyanobacteria monitoring and water sampling reports.

**Old Business:**

**Grants**

**ERP-IDDE (Don Hendrich)** MWA is in the process of obtaining a signed agreement with the State of Vermont.

**Lakescaping (Perry Thomas)** Perry gave a presentation to the Extension Master Gardeners. The next step in the Railroad Square project (ERP grant through FOVLAP) is the “Design Process.”

**2014 Budget (Karen Lippens)** Karen reviewed the 2014 budget template line by line. Don Hendrich will find out the cost of updating our old banner with our new website. Lynn Jenness will find out information on the Home Show Expo on April 4-5.

**New Business:**

**Proposed 2014 Programs and Activities**

**VIP Training (Don Hendrich)** The date has been set for June 20. Perry Thomas is looking for a location for the classroom training.

**Field Trips (Don Hendrich)** Several field trips were discussed including a bog walk in the Lester Bill Preserve, a walk or paddle at Eagle Point and/or a paddle on the Upper Clyde River. Don will follow up on each of these field trips.

**Annual meeting (Don Hendrich)** A panel discussion is being explored on the tar sands issue. The Board approved going forward with this topic. The date is still open.

**Watershed Workshop (Don Hendrich)** The topic of the workshop will be the new Lake Shoreland Protection bill. The date is still open.

**Septic Social (Gail Lynch)** No update reported.

**Next meeting is April 2 at 4 p.m. at the Newport City Elementary School**

Karen Lippens, Treasurer  
On behalf of Pat Vana, Secretary  
Memphremagog Watershed Association