

## **Memphremagog Watershed Association Board meeting**

**4:30 p.m., October 12, 2016 Room 250 State Building**

Mary Pat welcomed everyone. **Present:** Ben Copans, Tom Kovacs, Mary Pat Goulding, Don Hendrich, Dave Converse, Jennifer Hopkins, Kendall Lambert, Pat Vana, Beth Torpey, and Gail Lynch. Also, Roger Cartee, Andy Major, and Valerie Dillon. **Absent:** Peg Hollander, Lynn Jenness, Bill Round.

She then introduced our new treasurer, Jennifer Hopkins. Moved (Pat Vana) and seconded (Gail Lynch) to change the Community National Bank signatory from Karen Lippens to Jennifer Hopkins and to re-issue the debit card in Jennifer's name. Passed. We will work toward getting her name on bills. Question about whose name the storage unit is in.

**Secretary's report:** Moved (Beth Torpey) and seconded (David Converse) to approve the minutes as emailed. Passed.

**Treasurer's report** – Jennifer reported the work she has done so far.

**Storm water retrofit grant report** - Don Hendrich – the grant work is officially over; Don has suggested that the joint steering committee get a presentation from Andres Torizzo, the principal at Watershed Consulting Associates. Moved (David Converse) and seconded (Beth Torpey) to pay \$400 for this presentation. Passed. The next grant round possible for the implementation phase will be in February.

**Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)** Ben Copans – the grant is coming together. As a partner, MWA must document our volunteer hours.

**Membership report** – (Don Hendrich for Lynn Jenness) membership numbers are at 106 with 12 new, 76 renewal, 1 return, 1 new business, and 16 renewal business. Sara and Lynn sent out additional reminder letters. Gail suggested tapping farmers for membership through Sarah Damsell.

**Scholarship report** – (Don Hendrich for Lynn Jenness) – Janey Masi, NCU; Kestrel Owens, C.A.; Jihoon Park, UCA are the three recipients; \$500 checks will be mailed soon.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion about committee structure- Don suggested education/ outreach (with 10th anniversary committee; media (would include website, Facebook, newsletter, print); water quality (VIP and cyanobacteria monitoring) scholarship; membership; grants; executive. We will make a decision on this at the next meeting, November 16.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

finding a new method to log volunteer hours  
representation at the following meetings

October 17, 6:30 p.m. Newport City Council

November 15 - joint steering committee all day at the East Side

November 16 - 9 - noon, room 11 Statehouse - long-term financing for Act 64

Our next meeting has been scheduled for November 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Valerie reported on the general water quality of the lake and the Vermont Invasive Patrols.

Tom reported on MCI activities. They will be having a meeting this Saturday to establish an action plan which will include planning for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Vana, secretary, MWA