

**Memphremagog Watershed Association Board meeting
4:30 p.m., November 16, 2016 Room 250 State Building**

Present: Mary Pat Goulding, Don Hendrich, Peg Hollander, Lynn Jenness, Bill Round, Jennifer Hopkins, Pat Vana, and Gail Lynch. Also, Valerie Dillon. Absent: Dave Converse, Emily DeHoff, Kendall Lambert, Beth Torpey, Maria Young

Mary Pat began by asking if we could accommodate Stephanie Higgins and classes from Derby Elementary. They have been studying water conservation and would like to see rain gardens and rain barrels. Gail will ask Don Chapdelaine to help with this. It will involve 60 students.

Secretary's report: Moved (Bill Round) and seconded (Lynn Jenness) to approve the minutes of the October meeting as emailed. Passed.

Treasurer's report – the report was given out. Jennifer will be changing the format for next year and welcomes input. January will be our budget and event planning meeting.

Committee structure – Valerie suggested water quality, education/outreach, membership, and media. We also need a grants coordinator. Moved (Don Hendrich) and seconded (Bill Round) to adopt the above structure. Passed. Gail mentioned that Owen Tatum is interested in our work and should be able to come to the January meeting.

Discussion about finding volunteers for committees and documenting various things to be passed on and shared. Decided to use a thumb drive which Jennifer will purchase.

Membership committee (Lynn Jenness) Lynn gave the current membership numbers by category. The committee will be coming up with a new membership form. Discussion about email vs. regular mail and trying to be environmentally responsible.

OLD BUSINESS

Can volunteer hours be put onto the website?

The last stakeholder meeting for act 64, the clean water act, was held today. There are many possible added taxes. Bill will summarize and send an article for the newsletter. This can be found on the DEC site.

NEW BUSINESS

Louise Abbott is doing a new book on the lake. We are hoping to collaborate with her on the distribution of this new book. They will also be reprinting the first volume.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. **The next meeting will be January 11.**

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Vana, secretary