



**Board of Directors Meeting
May 17, 2017 4:30 p.m.
Newport City Chamber of Commerce Building**

Present: Officers: Mary Pat Goulding, Bill Round, Pat Vana, and board members Gail Lynch, Peg Hollander **Absent:** David Converse, Don Hendrich, Jennifer Hopkins, Lynn Jenness, Kendall Lambert, Beth Torpey, Maria Young

Correspondence: Note from Jean Condon thanking us for doing the daffodils beside the Clyde. Booklet from MCI. Newsletter from the Seymour Lake Association. Returned membership from Bigelows – Pat will forward it to Rutland. Letter from NCUHS asking for someone to go to the Scholarship Award Night on June 7.

Secretary's report - there was no quorum so minutes were not approved. This is the second meeting in a row that this has happened.

Discussion about publicity and also how to use the website and email for announcing events.

Vermont Land Trust Invasive species program last Saturday at the former Scott property was very well done. Youth Conservation Corps will be doing a garden for the hospital there. The St. Johnsbury office is going to be moved to the farm.

The newsletter will come out in advance of our annual meeting, June 24. We are planning for 50 people. Louise Abbott will give a slide show presentation. Steve will bring books over the border.

The High Meadows Fund proposal for \$40,000 will be submitted June 1.

Nominating committee report – (from Kendall Lambert) to be presented on June 24th, 2017

Officers

Mary Pat Goulding – President
Bill Round- Vice President
Jennifer Hopkins- Treasurer
Kendall Lambert- Secretary (**New appointment**)

Directors & Term End

David Converse—2018

Peggy Hollander—2018

Andy Major—2018 (**NEW**)

About Andy:

Andy Major has owned property on Salem Lake since 1945 and has lived on the Lake since 1970. He followed David Wood as President of Salem Lakes Association since 1985; also has been Project Director for the Greeter/Monitor Project for Salem Lakes since then. Protecting water quality values, recreational potential and property values for Salem Lakes and the Memphremagog Watershed is of primary importance.

Beth Torpey – 2019

Pat Vana – 2019 (**New Appointment**)

Hillary Potter—2019 (**NEW**)

About Hillary: I received a BS from Cornell University in 1991 and started working toward a teaching certificate in NYS shortly thereafter. I received a MS in Education from Sage College while teaching at my Alma Mater, Hoosic Valley. I've taught a variety of sciences, including biology, environmental science, Earth science, forensics, and physics. I'm now teaching physical and life sciences at North Country JHS. I find that students of this age are inquisitive and capable. I talk to them about "their lake" and would like to develop in them some passion for keeping it healthy for people and wildlife alike. I look forward to the opportunity to be involved in keeping Lake Memphremagog healthy and in sharing this with students.

Donald Hendrich- 2020 (**Re-nominate**)

Stan Chop – 2020 (**NEW**)

About Stan:

I'm originally from the Washington DC area and attended the U. of Maryland. After graduating I taught a short while in Virginia and Vermont but spent 38 years of my career as a teacher and later a principal on military bases overseas including England, Belgium, Germany, Turkey, Korea, the Philippines, Japan and the US Territory of Guam. My wife, Jane, was a

teacher as well, and together with our three children we would fly back to Vermont to spend our summers at our camp on Lake Memphremagog. I'm a wannabe farmer, skier, curler, hiker, biker, and try to do my part to protect our beautiful environment.

David Bushey – 2020 **(NEW)**

About David: While growing up as a Native Vermonter, I spent countless hours in the woods, playing in streams, and also was fortunate enough to spend many weekend hours on Lake Champlain. My love for the outdoors grew throughout my childhood which led to me get a Bachelors Degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Science from Paul Smith's College. While attending college, I worked at the Sandbar State Park in Milton, VT and was fortunate enough to get a job with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service working on Lake Champlain soon after graduation. I currently operate Belview Campground in Barton, VT where I am lucky enough to have a view of the beautiful, clear Crystal Lake. I am excited to join the Memphremagog Watershed Association and become a contributing member.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Vana, secretary
Memphremagog Watershed Association