

MWA NOTES JUNE 1, 2022

President Dave Converse opened the meeting at 4:35 p.m. Present: Officers- Jennifer Hopkins (treasurer); Board members: Tom Latta, Hillary Potter, Beth Torpey. Members: Ben Copans, Valerie Dillon, Mary Pat Goulding, Marnie MacKenzie. Visitor: Jeff Cooper. Staff: Bevin Barber-Campbell, Patrick Hurley. We met by ZOOM.

Secretary's Report - Meeting Minutes – 4/6/22 & 5/4/22. Motion by Tom to accept as written; seconded by Jennifer. Motion accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Financials for 5/31/22- sent separately. Jennifer mentioned there is not much new. We are starting a new two-year riparian grant cycle; changed over how we are charging for the non-specified expenses so are making a higher percentage. We paid our first month's rent for our new office at Work Commons. Motion by Tom to accept the report; seconded by Beth. Motion accepted.

Executive Director's Report:

Bevin reported that May was busy, with YDP taking up most of her time. There was an article about YDP in the Newport Daily. All in all, the program is going smoothly with two weeks left, Bevin thanked the volunteers. She is working on communications deliverables. The June 1st e-newsletter is out, with plans for a second one around June 15. She is trying to schedule more consistent social media posts. The website redesign is slowly moving. Bevin has been working on outreach. She and Patrick want to reach out to sportsman and hunters; Patrick crafted an email to VAST clubs. Reached out to the Derby Hunt & Game Club and plans to stop by their Kids Fishing Derby. She is researching other kids fishing derbies. She also worked with Stan on the Lake Resident membership plea letter. Bevin has been helping Ben promote the TBP Workplan Kick Off Meeting. Someone mentioned another club for us to investigate: the Borderline ATV Club (Scott Jenness).

Current Grant Status Updates: See Patrick's work report for more details.

Riparian Buffers – VT F&W/GLRC

Patrick will begin his assessments of the Clyde soon with his summer intern, Max James.

WUV Tactical Basin Planning Workplan Grant

Patrick has been coordinating with TBP partners and doing outreach to VAST snowmobile clubs to attend kick-off meeting. And worked with Bevin to develop and submit FY23 work plan to WUV.

WUV Project Development Grant – Barton, Glover, Wetlands

No word from Glover regarding moving forward with the green stormwater infrastructure project.

Wetlands – one owner reached out. Patrick has a stack of letters for doing outreach on rainy days. The grants are closing at end of September. He is submitting an interim report to WUV next week.

WUV Implementation Grants – Barton and Newport

Barton - Patrick has been responding to questions from the Community Garden folks and coordinating with Mark Bannon (engineer) following wetland delineation and site survey/base map generation.

Newport Marina Stormwater Easement Project – Tom Bernier is making sure the easement gets to Doug. What happens next is based on status of the easement.

Patrick also reported would be participating in a show and tell with the Nature Conservancy Staff on a restoration project similar to our Willoughby Falls WMA. His first day with the NVU intern Max went well; she will also be working Sarah Damsell on condensing data.

Regional Aquatic Nuisance Control

Jennifer reported that all grants are out, follow up on paperwork, first report from grantees due on July 15.

Bevin took the time to introduce herself and then the board and Ben Copans to Jeff Cooper, who joined the meeting. Ben provided a brief overview of the Tactical Basin Plan.

Committee Reports/ Other Activities Updates: The agenda was rearranged due to time constraints.

Board- Our Bylaws state that we should have nine board members. We need to accept Stan's resignation, but we need three officers to run a non-profit, so we need someone to step up to be the temporary VP or Secretary. As all others declined, we re-elected Mary Pat to the board; she accepted the post of Vice President. Jennifer made the motion to make Mary Pat VP until the Annual Meeting; Beth second the motion. Motion accepted.

Marnie MacKenzie agreed to join the board. Jennifer nominated her; Mary Pat seconded; motion accepted. Bevin mentioned that we still need two or three board members.

AIS – Phragmites are growing and the water is high. We need to get out there in the next 10 days get out and cut, which should drown them. Columbia Forest Products is willing to do two efforts; we are waiting on dates. It was agreed to announce a cutting party on Monday June 6th.

Zebra Mussels – Jennifer reported that this year we are working with the DEC since MCI is no longer monitoring; Ariane from MCI has agreed to inspect our monitors. We've deployed 10 monitors, we have more that could go out. We need more coverage on west side - north of the Marina and by the border. Bevin brought up the need for an AIS committee.

Membership Plea - Letter to Lake Residents: Bevin and Stan worked on a letter that received a lot of detailed feedback from board members. Bevin thinks we should still send it out after some edits. She wants to include a postcard with the summer events. We would need a board member who wants to lead the project.

Summer Events - Bevin discussed the proposed rack card of upcoming events.

ANR Lecture Series - No report on the *Memphremagog Matters!* series.

Other/New Business:

Annual Meeting – We discussed ideas and a date. Go on the Northern Star to do an adult version of the Coventry education or an evening at our local brewery and give a presentation.

River Clean Up - Patrick has found a location near Little Salem Lake access point.

Partnership Updates:

No MCI update.

MCM update: boat is running, passed all its inspections, and started cruising Friday. They had 123 passengers over weekend. Trying not to cancel even when only a few customers.

Motion to adjourn Jennifer. The meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Next Meetings: Upcoming dates-

July 13, 2022 4:30PM

Aug – TBD 3 or 10 (annual meeting)