

## **MWA August Meeting Notes**

**4:30 p.m. Wednesday, 4 August, 2021**

President Dave Converse opened the meeting at 4:30 a.m. Present: Officers- Stan Chop (secretary), Jennifer Hopkins (treasurer), Board members – Tom Latta with Beth Torpey and Hillary Potter via zoom. Members: Mary Pat Goulding, Patrick Hurley with Valerie Dillon via zoom.

### **Secretary's Report**

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes of July 7th and Jennifer seconded the minutes. The motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jennifer mentioned we have not received many memberships. We do have some grant money coming in. WUV, AIS and Patrick's work brings in admin fees. Jennifer explained how admin fees vary with different projects.

### **Current Grant Status Update**

#### Regional Aquatic Nuisance Control

Jennifer mentioned we are doing fine with our lake partners. Tom mentioned the DASH program to eliminate milfoil and nuisance weeds at Whipple Point is proceeding on schedule.

#### WUV Prouty Beach Project

Mary Pat and Jennifer will be meeting with Amy Picotte, shoreline protection state official and others next Tuesday. The purpose is to assess how the plantings at the beach are doing. The buffer between the new bike path and shoreline needs to be replanted due to the path construction and we are looking for the state's input on the best options.

#### WUV Tactical Basin Planning Workplan Grant

Patrick mentioned the 2021 Spring/summer workplan final report is due by the 19th. A lot of the FY 2022 work can be done in the winter because it is difficult to gather all the pertinent folks together in the summer. Patrick will be working on an hourly basis in the future. Jennifer submits all grant reports on MWA's behalf, except Patrick handles submission for the riparian work under Pete's funding.

#### WUV Project /Development Grant Glover, Barton, Wetland

Glover work is at a standstill-Patrick only wants to get someone to point out how to address the gardens, but it's difficult to get someone to respond. He wonders if he can get the school involved which might be more responsive. Work with Barton has been going better. WUV monies will be used for Barton's preliminary stage.

Patrick will work on the Wetland Project later. He has been focusing on riparian work these last weeks. Patrick met via zoom with Pete, Ben, Stan and Jared Nunery to present a thorough presentation of his work mapping the Johns parcels, noting their feasibility for restoration, and making some initial encounters with landowners. He will be doing office work now.

## **Committee Reports/Other Activities**

### Boat Parade

Hillary was not present to update us, but there have been notices posted about it. Dave will check with Hillary and most likely the date will be changed to the following week (on the 14th) due to expected rain this Saturday.

### Phragmites Pulling Party

Mary Pat said all is a "go." She has coordinated with all the participants. It will be held Wednesday, 11 August starting at 8:30. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. Columbia Forest will provide 12 folks. Tarps will be used to pull the cuttings across the asphalt into a lined dumpster. This party is more of an awareness/control activity. Applying for funding and permission to dredge the area would provide a more permanent solution.

### VIP-Patroller/Cyanobacteria/Lay Monitors

Everything seems to be set-up for the patroller program. Cyanobacteria - Valerie monitors the Newport Marina, Theresa Gerade is doing Prouty and the city dock, and others are monitoring elsewhere.

## **Other Updates**

The Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for the last week in October, Wednesday the 27th. It will be held early evening and Mary Pat hopes to get a speaker on leachate technology.

### Partnership Updates

The Kingdom Games was successful.

Doug wasn't present but mails us MCI and MCM information regularly.

Stan, Jane, Doug and Lynn will be visiting the Rubenstein Institute tomorrow to brainstorm how we can use the Northern Star as an educational resource.

Hybrid Meeting-There will be an open public forum hosted by the secretary of ANR at the Gateway on 24 August.

## **Other Business**

Echo Lake reclassification Dave will send Jennifer a copy of the letter he sent to Peggy Stevens endorsing Echo Lake reclassification to a Class 1 designation. Elevation and water cleanliness are considerations in classification.

Seven Day Article- Dave didn't like that the reporter seemed to misquote him regarding phosphorus being a worse problem than the landfill.

Jennifer explained the Greenschool Initiative. Schools with a 3 acre impervious surface are eligible for funding. Lake Region, Newport City, North Country and Derby Junior High are eligible. It's not clear who would be responsible for applying.

Patrick mentioned that we had office funds available in the riparian funding. (\$3200) He asked if we have marketing needs. We could use the funds for riparian outreach. He suggested the Idea to have a graphic template designed for the newsletter.

Hillary joined the meeting late and said no-one had signed up for the boat parade. Dave said he would talk to his neighbors. It was agreed to postpone to the 14th.

Stan said he would contact Woody Page to learn to whom a letter could be sent regarding the state choosing another landfill site.

The meeting adjourned at 6:04.