



Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, January 10 4:30 p.m. in the NC Hospital Community Room

President Mary Pat Goulding opened the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Present: Officers: Mary Pat Goulding (president.), Bill Round (vice president), Jennifer Hopkins (treasurer), and Pat Vana (secretary); Board members – David Converse, Don Hendrich, Andy Major, Hillary Potter, and members Gail Lynch and Lynn Jenness. Also, administrative director, Kendall Lambert. Absent: Dave Bushey, Stan Chop, Peggy Hollander, Beth Torpey

Secretary's Report - Moved (Jennifer Hopkins) and seconded (Don Hendrich) to approve the minutes of the November 1 meeting. Passed. Moved (Jennifer Hopkins) and seconded (David Converse) to approve the notes from the December 6 meeting. Passed.

Treasurer's report: MWA has opened a savings account. We currently have \$44,000 in the new savings account, mostly High Meadow Grants funds. The checking account currently has about \$2,400.

Budget – Discussion about what should be included in the budget. Moved (Don Hendrich) and seconded (Bill Round) to budget \$1500 for scholarships. Passed.

2018 Events Calendar – Kendall talked about the Survey Monkey results. The top vote getters were Cyanobacteria training and river paddles. Discussion about doing the following programs – bird walk at Eagle Point with Missisquoi Valley group, shoreland nature hikes – maybe at Bluff Farm, youth discovery programs, river clean-up in September, Newport City 100th anniversary parade. Discussion of theme for the year. Decision to use **Water Quality: Past, Present, and Future**. Also, Don will look into an art project, Stan has a berry project, and everyone was in

favor of a beer/water workshop. It was also decided to do touring of the Brighton storm water management and/or the Newport sewage treatment plant. Kendall suggested that a native plants workshop could be included in the Lakewise Training grant.

Administrative Director's Report – Kendall Lambert

In December the Storm Water Collaborative created an outline and began drafting the Storm Water Strategic Plan. MWA was verbally awarded The 2018 Craftsbury Road Erosion Inventory grant (\$10,000) as well as the 2018 Train-the-Trainer grant for three Lake Wise workshops and outreach (\$5,288.) Complete draft of the Storm water Strategic Plan due to be finished in January.

NEKO Membership- possibility of joining this organization for \$100. Decided to wait. Hillary will attend the meeting.

Discussion about who would be the authorized signer for grants, subcontracts, reports, and RFPs. Moved (Don Hendrich) and seconded (Jennifer Hopkins) that any document that contractually binds MWA or is covered by our procurement policy is signed the president or the vice president of MWA. Passed.

Committee Reports

Membership- Lynn Jenness – membership email to be sent end of February, written membership info to go out with the next newsletter. Budget will use \$45 per family dues/donation..

Other: Dave Bushey has resigned from the Board. We now need two new board members.

Don Hendrich has come up with a new board member document which will be distributed to all board members.

David Converse spoke about Memphremagog Community Maritime (MCM) wanting us to act as an agent for their grant applications. More information will be forthcoming.

Next meetings:

Executive board January 23 at 1 p.m. in the MWA office.

Board meeting February 7, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in room 250 of the Hebard Building.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Vana, secretary
Memphremagog Watershed Association