

## **MWA Board of Directors Meeting**

**4:30 pm Wednesday, 5 February 2020, Work Commons**

President Dave Converse opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Present: Officers: Stan Chop (secretary), Jennifer Hopkins (Treasurer); Board members: Hillary Potter, Ben Copans (via phone) Andy Major (via phone), Bill Round, Marnie MacKensie ; Members: Mary Pat Goulding, Don Hendrich, Lynn Jenness; Director: Steven Poulos; Guest: Louise Beaudry

David began the meeting by reading a resignation letter from Vincent Montoro. David said he will contact Dave Coutts regarding the open position.

### **Secretary's Report**

Meeting notes 11/20/2019 Bill moved to approve the corrected minutes and Stan seconded it. The motion passed.

Meeting notes 1/8/2020. Stan moved to approve the corrected minutes and Bill seconded it. The motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jennifer provided a document, "Financials for 1/31/2020."

She also mentioned that we had a profitable month because IJC paid us.

### **Administrative Director's Report**

Steven submitted an activity report and a report of the Riparian Team meeting. Discussion revolved around the need to revise the Prouty Beach project. An interim schematic of the Prouty Beach proposal needs to be requested from Nectar. Watershed United Vermont needs to know which plants will be used and the cost of the plants. Jennifer said the board needs to add a penalty clause when deadlines aren't met. Jennifer and Mary Pat will work on the revision since Steven is off tomorrow.

Jennifer made the motion to amend the current contract with a penalty clause. Bill seconded it. The motion passed.

Don asked who will do the planting. Northwoods already has the funding. We will also ask for volunteers.

Steven talked about the Riparian Team Meeting held on 31 January. Steven also presented a written account of the meeting.

Steve, Ben and Stan explained aspects of the meeting and the opportunities that a grant could provide. The grant could support a full time position, There will be a meeting on 11 February. Steven was asked to bring MWA's thoughts. Many questions came up regarding the possibility of a full-time position. Ben said most likely High Meadows would allow for a transition of director. We all are in consensus that it would be great for MWA to take this on, but the big question is how can our current projects carry-on if Steven should take the full-time position. Steven suggested that the board work with him to come up with a plan. Jennifer and Mary Pat thought he should come up with a plan himself to present to the board. Hillary expressed the idea of a transition period of part-time to full-time.

Steven will attend the meeting on 11 February to mention MWA's interest and request \$75,000 to pay for a full-time position. Stan agreed to attend the meeting as well.

It's a very complicated issue!

### **Regional Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Application**

Steve got back the required information from the associations of Willoughby Lake and Shadow Lake. Maidstone had questions. Andy has some more information to submit.

### **Strategic Plan - Report**

Bill presented a document and explained the progress on the strategic plan. The committee will continue to work on it.

## **Newsletter**

Hillary and Gail met last week. The problem is that they received too much to include in one newsletter. Hillary needs dates for the calendar, especially for Ann Bove's training.

## **Committee Reports**

**Water Quality** Valerie wants to know how we can alert the public about water toxins. We could put an advisory on Facebook or our website. We could email an advisory to our members.

**Membership** is at 2. Jennifer will send David a membership list. Conrad can be a PR guy.

**Scholarship** Don mentioned applications for this year have been distributed. The deadline is 30 March. Applications will be mailed directly to Don. The student must provide proof of registration to obtain the scholarship. Ms. Potter missed the deadline, but Don recommended we approve sending her the money if she submits the proof. Jennifer will provide a check.

## **Other Business:**

### **Status of petitions for appropriations**

It's a dead issue.

### **Budget Planning for 2020**

### **Employee Review Report**

### **Events Calendar**

### **March to Spring**

Will be on 28 March, 6 o'clock at Pie and Pasta

**Steve will submit the Trout grant tomorrow.**

**Louise introduced herself.**

The next meeting is 4 March at The Commons, 4:30.

We adjourned at 6:50