

MWA Board of Directors Meeting 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, 8 July 2020

President Dave Converse opened the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Present: Officers: Stan Chop (secretary), Jennifer Hopkins (treasurer), Board members – Bill Round, Louise Beaudry, Hillary Potter, Doug Coutts. Members - Mary Pat Goulding, Valerie Dillon and Administrative Director - John Frye (We met via ZOOM. There were many technical difficulties)

Secretary's Report –Hillary made the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Jennifer seconded it. The motion passed. Stan thanked Jennifer for her help editing the minutes.

Jennifer reminded Dave that we also had the executive committee notes. We needed to acknowledge the notes. Doug thought they were well done. Valerie mentioned the notes addressed well the problems we have had in the past. We all accepted them.

Treasurer's Report - May 31, 2020 Financials

Jennifer provided a written report. Mary Pat said we currently have money but it will run out.

Later in the meeting Jennifer mentioned there's nothing much exciting to report. We discussed anticipated income. We could get \$5,000 worth of admin funds for completing the Lake Wise Assessments, \$900 from the marina project and \$3,000 from the aquatic invasive species grant. However, the city won't get their full grant if they didn't train folks, and we won't get full admin money if the folks aren't trained. We have a number of new members as well as members renewing.

John mentioned that we have \$7,000 we can technically use for managing the Prouty Beach project. There were no more questions.

Administrative Director

John met with Amy today and he feels comfortable assessing properties for the Lake Wise program. He provided a written report and mentioned we are in a holding pattern with the Clean Water Provider initiative. He also mentioned that a stormwater meeting is coming up.

Doug said the report pretty much reiterated the executive meeting. John will work fewer hours and maybe Kendall could be involved. Dave asked where the plants will be stored. John said they will be stored at the city greenhouse. Jennifer said half will be here today and that the rest will come shortly- maybe on Friday. The farmer's market people will help. Robert report and he will keep them until August when the install will take place. The greenhouse is by the sewer plant.

John explained the Lake Wise Program upon Doug's request. It's a program to help landowners to assess their property. A few people are waiting for follow-up. There are 4 components-essentially the driveway, the roof and decks, the play area, and the land itself.

John explained the Stormwater Collaborative partnership. Twenty people can attend. There must be at least one meeting per year. We are behind on having this meeting. Where can we have it

safely? Maybe there is an elk who will donate time at the Elk's Club. John would like to have the meeting by the end of August. Dave will look into it. The State Building could possibly be used, but the WIFI is poor. A morning or afternoon meeting would work. Dave will look into an afternoon meeting.

Louise mentioned that Mary Pat did a great job with the Newport City summit zoom meeting.

Updates on the Tour Boat: Only 4.9 can ride on the boat because of a 10 per cent of capacity limitation. The Coast Guard needs to be involved with its international and federal regulations. There's a fund-raising campaign going on. They are looking forward to next year. Rick has been doing tours of the boat with many out-of-state folks. Stan asked how do people know about touring the boat. Doug mentioned it is pretty informal with folks just walking by the boat and making inquiries.

Water Quality:

Valerie asked John a question about the greeter program. Was there training done for the greeter program? She had been talking to the harbor master, no one from the City had done the required training this year. Valerie passed the information onto Kim. John didn't know if Kim would do another training. John wondered if the training was recorded.

Valerie had emailed us all a report regarding water quality.

Strategic Plan: Bill mentioned there is nothing new regarding the strategic plan as the month went quickly. He is shooting for a meeting after 18 of July. We could use the conference room at the Commons.

Other Business:

Stan mentioned that he is looking into the Patagonia grant.

Mary Pat requested that Doug be the go between MCI and MWA. Dave already confirmed that with MCI.

Signage for Scott's Cove – Valerie and Hillary and Jennifer were tasked with creating and getting post appropriate Starry Stonewort warning signs for the Cove and the beach. The amount \$150 was proposed by Jennifer to cover the costs for the signs. The motion was approved and the group was tasked with working with Tracey and Jessica on appropriate locations.

The next meeting will be on **5 August**.

Louise wanted to know if there is advance notice about the meetings. We intend to let board members know one week in advance with the minutes from the last meeting and agenda.

The meeting adjourned sometime after 5:30. Unfortunately the recording of the meeting ended before the meeting did, so the end of the meeting after Doug's acceptance as our MCI rep was lost.