



## **MWA Annual Meeting August 10, 2023**

**5:30 – 7:00 pm at Le Belvedere, on the Waterfront, Newport, VT**

**Attendance:** President, Tom Latta, Vice President Marnie MacKenzie, Treasurer, Jennifer Hopkins, Secretary, Mary Pat Goulding; Board Members: Karen Hruby; Immediate Past President – Dave Converse, MCI Representative, Peter Lepine - MWA Members: Peggy and Bruce Barter, Holly Bull, Stan and Jane Chop, Jessica Cover, Chris Hoskin, Pam Ladds, Woodman Page, Mercedes Petite, Bill and Sarah Rounds, Rhonda and Matt Shippee, Brian Smith, Rick Ufford-Chase. MWA staff – Patrick Hurley and Gabryel Gianoni Also attending were guests Nathanael Johns, Onni Miller, Ted Sedell, and Guest speaker, Kate Forrer, Executive Director of Vermont Woodlands Association

### **The meeting was called to order at 5:30**

**President's Report:** President Tom Latta welcomed everyone. Mr. Latta began his remarks by introducing himself and his long-term relationship to Lake Memphremagog and his journey to become president of MWA. He stated that his long-term goals coincide with the mission of MWA. Mr. Latta introduced the board members, staff, and special guests. He made special thanks to those who supported him during his first year as president and their contribution to propelling MWA into a viable watershed organization. He provided a brief summary of some of the high points of the past year: which included mention of \$1,023,000 in grant work being performed throughout the Watershed by MWA staff, continued administration for the State of Vermont of Aquatic Invasive Species grants throughout the Watershed, zebra mussel monitoring on Lake Memphremagog, Greeter Program at Strawberry Acres, Newport Town.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion to accept the minutes of the August 25, 2022, Annual meeting was made and seconded. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jennifer Hopkins briefly reviewed the Annual Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet. There were no questions.

**Nominating Committee: Report:** The nominating committee proposes the following slate for the MWA Board of Directors. No other candidates were nominated. Ms. Goulding proposed that the slate of officers be elected by acclamation. Motion passed unanimously.

**Proposed for a three-year term ending in 2026:**

Bryan Dickinson

Tom Latta

Marnie Mackenzie

**Continuing Board Members:**

*Terms ending 2024:*

Douglas Coutts

Jennifer Hopkins

Beth Torpey

*Terms ending in 2025:*

Farley Brown

Mary Pat Goulding

Karen Hruby

**Honorary Members:**

Heather Murphy

Continuing Environmental Affiliates:

Ben Copans (Basin Planner, VT DEC)

Peter Lepine (MCI representative)

Ariane Orjikh (MCI representative)

**Immediate Past President:**

David Converse

**Project Manager's Report:** Patrick Hurley, MWA Project Manager, described his role as Project manager as identifying water quality and habitat restoration projects, develop the projects and secure funding, implement the projects, monitor for compliance, and manage as needed. Current projects include storm water; agricultural land use; river, stream, and wetland restoration. Mr. Hurley's presentation follows these minutes.

Mr. Hurley introduced MWA's new Project Coordinator, Gabryel Gianoni. Ms. Gianoni has been in the field thorough out the summer coordinating the implementation of some of the projects mention by Mr. Hurley.

**Other Business:**

**Guest Speaker-** Kate Forrer, Executive Director of Vermont Woodlands Association  
Ms. Forrer's presentation follows these minutes.

Meeting adjourned at approximately, 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pat Goulding

Secretary, MWA