

MWA Board of Directors Meeting

4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept 11, 2019, Work Commons

President Mary Pat Goulding opened the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Present: Officers: Mary Pat Goulding (president), Dave Converse (vice president), Jennifer Hopkins (treasurer), Stan Chop (secretary) Board members – Marnie MacKenzie, Hillary Potter, Beth Torpey, Members- Kendall Lambert, Gail Lynch, Ben Copans, Doug Coutts

Secretary's Report:

After discussion of corrections needing to be made, Jennifer moved and David seconded the motion to accept the May minutes with the following corrections: Under Annual Meeting – it was Hillary not Marnie who offered to get Mark Sheldon. Under bylaws – the motion was made by Jennifer and seconded by Dave. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

We received 9450 dollars from Casella. \$8450 is going into design work for the Prouty Beach rain garden and erosion control and \$1000 goes into operational funds. We received \$1500 from Columbia Products for general operating costs. We are doing OK financially.

Administrator's Report:

The person who originally accepted the position has since decided against taking the position. No other resumes have come in. Mary Pat has posted the position on various sites. Kendall will continue with some of the programs she has already been working on. Kendall mentioned that she could follow through on the Newport Turn-out, Newport Marina and Prouty Beach projects.

Beth made the motion to pay up to \$5000 to Kendal until the end of the year. Jennifer seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Election of New Officers:

Mary Pat said she would take on some of the administrative duties until a director is found, but only if she is not president.

Dave said he would take on the role of president.

Beth moved that we accept the slate of officers as proposed: Dave as president, Stan as secretary, Jennifer as treasurer. Stan seconded the motion. The motioned was passed.

Newsletter:

Gail is concerned about the content for future newsletters. It would be good to have the next one out before town meeting. We need to have something on the warnings. It would be good to have

a newsletter by mid-January.

The discussion moved into **Water Quality** when Beth discussed the idea of an Ameri-corps person being hired as a greeter to operate the invasion species wash stations on Memphremagog. A visual check on usage shows Strawberry Acres lake assess has the most traffic; then, South Bay; then the Gateway which is where the current greeter works. Derby and Morgan raise funds in support of their lake associations' efforts to curb invasive species. There was discussion about getting on the various town warnings for an appropriation. Mary Pat agreed to talk with the Newport city manager.

Memphremagog is a source of 4 invasives. We need to do more to prevent the species going to other lakes and ponds.

Education regarding invasives and membership will be included in a newsletter in January.

Membership:

(Side note: Mary Pat mentioned that a New Hampshire group and MCI will be protesting at the Casella open house this Saturday.)

Jennifer said we have had new members join this year but renewals have not come in. Kendall mentioned that a mailing brought in renewals last year. We have 56 members. 17 new members this year.

Marnie recommended that we send a mailing around Christmas to bring back the members. Some kind of gift request could be included in the letter.

Kendall mentioned we could go to one of the meetings of the Marina Association especially to solicit membership.

Scholarship: Don was not here.

No Employment handout

Other Business:

Pie and Pasta was a good location for the March to Summer party. Let's do it again. We basically broke even on the party. We'll look around March 14th or 21st for next year.

Beth moved we pay Mary Pat to act as the administrator director to follow through on projects and look for a new director up to \$2000 a month until a new administrator director is hired. Hilary seconded it. The motion was passed.

The board clarified that the maximum pay amounts are based on \$22 per hour. Dave mentioned MCM did buy the boat.

The next meeting will be 6 November.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm