

White Oak Pond Watershed Association
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
June 1, 2021
Via Zoom

FINAL
approved at 8/26/21 Board Meeting

President Margie Bogdanow called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Meeting Attendees: Marge Bogdanow, Michael Bogdanow, Janet Cocchiaro, Steven Cohen, Cici Cyr, Bennett Evans, Bruce Falby, Dan Falby, Kevin Frank, Benjamin Gampel, Tim Gray, Dee Hopper, Bonnie Hunt, Nancy Isikoff, Walter Johnson, Susan Levin, Kim Lovett, Robert Maloney, Sara Rothschild, Bryan Sweeney, Mimzie Uhler and Roger Uhler.

Board Meeting Minutes - April 29, 2021

The Minutes of April 29, 2021 Board Meeting were approved with one spelling correction.

Nominating Committee:

Present status:

Steve Cohen and Galen Beach have completed their two terms on the board and Celia Woolverton has resigned.

Kevin remains on the Board for the second year of his second term.

Bonnie, Benjy and Bryan will begin their second year of their first term.

(These do not need to be voted on):

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Proposed slate to be voted on:

Nancy Isikoff, President

Susan Levin, Vice-President

Walter Johnson, Treasurer

Dee Hopper, Secretary

Kim Godfrey, Sara Rothschild, Bennett Evans nominated to start their second terms on the board.

Eric MacLeish, Cici Cyr, Michael Bogdanow, and Amanda Weymouth nominated to begin their 1st year of their 1st term.

Update on Howard Subdivision:

Nancy reported that she had spoken with the Squam Lakes Conservation Society about our concerns regarding the proposed subdivision - concerns which they share. She asked them for a recommendation for an expert who would be helpful to WOPWA in terms of the Planning Board. Doug Hill of SLCS

recommended Steve Nix, a land use lawyer and a licensed land surveyor who has represented SLCS in several conservation matters. Doug reported that he had emailed the subdivision application to Steve, and Steve saw some issues with it and was happy to work with us on this matter.

Nancy spoke to Steve and he is able and willing to go on the site visit on June 14, send a letter to the Planning Board about the omissions in the current application and attend the Planning Board meeting on June 15. Nancy believes that even if it appears that the Planning Board is inclined to ultimately approve the subdivision it is very reasonable to advocate for them to impose certain conditions on the subdivision approval that would mitigate the potential damage to White Oak Pond such as limiting building envelopes to locations that would avoid storm water runoff down the steep slopes, ensuring that the required soil/erosion plans are provided, potential no cut zones, etc. Ideally, we would like to persuade the Planning Board to require the applicant to pay for the type of hydrology study which Muriel Robinette could do but, in the short term, we believe Steve Nix would be our best advocate at the Planning Board at this stage of the process. He agreed to do this work for \$2400 - the same estimate Nancy received from Muriel Robinette - so there is no increase to the amount that was proposed to spend for an expert by engaging the lawyer/land surveyor as our advocate.

Nancy Isikoff made a motion to use WOPWA funds - up to \$2000 - after individual contributions from the membership to hire an expert to address the issue of the subdivision proposal coming before the Holderness Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Susan Levin. There was much discussion about the goals of WOPWA and suggestions about establishing guidelines to direct WOPWA in such situations. Questions were raised as to when WOPWA should get involved and what activities should bring us together as a community. With 2 abstentions, the motion was unanimously approved. It was suggested that monies for this purpose be sent directly to Nancy to keep it separate from the general funds. Nancy will send out an email to the membership as follow up. It was suggested that members attend the next Planning Board Meeting scheduled for 6/15 at 6pm.

It was recommended that a representative from WOPWA watch the agenda of the Holderness Planning Board to keep WOPWA connected. Steven Cohen agreed to be the liaison.

It was also suggested that although a decision is being made now based on the urgency of the situation, WOPWA needs to come up with a strategic plan to address future issues and how and when to come together for projects to help WOPWA.

Other Business

NHEC has informed many of the WOPWA community that they will be using an herbicide treatment to control vegetation growth around electric lines. Members were reminded that they can choose to opt out by calling the number on the brochure that was distributed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores (Dee) C. Hopper
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