

White Oak Pond Watershed Association

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Holderness, New Hampshire 03245

MINUTES OF WHITE OAK POND WATERSHED ASSOCIATION MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1980, at the home of Association president Harold Taylor, Coxboro Road., 5:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Present: Sidney Lovett, Blake Ireland, Richard Peterson,
Harold Taylor, Paul Whitman.

President Taylor read aloud the draft of a proposed letter to the Selectmen of Holderness with copies to the Holderness Conservation Commission, The Holderness Planning Board, and Squam Watershed Municipalities Committee, and asked for comments and suggestions for revision. The letter was written on the subject of the preservation of the Holderness wetlands, as requested by the Association membership at the annual meeting on August 16, 1980. After discussion, the letter was approved for submission to the Selectmen, and a copy is appended to these minutes.

Mr. Taylor then read another draft letter which he had been requested by the Association membership to write, an invitation to community members to become members of the Association (copy appended). After discussion, this letter was also approved.

Paul Whitman pointed out how difficult it was to keep in touch with newcomers to the area and to know who has left and who has arrived, citing the experience of the fire department's effort to collect information on homeowners. Sidney Lovett agreed to consult his files to see what he could find by way of additional names collected at the time his family had begun to make a community map of who lives where.

report back to the Board as soon as possible.

Mr. Taylor proposed the name of Richard Currier for membership in the Association and suggested that Mr. Currier be invited to attend the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Before adjourning, the Board expressed its sympathy for the Secretary of the Association, Mr. William Perry on the occasion of his unfortunate accident on the morning of the Board meeting, and instructed the president to convey the best wishes of the Board for a speedy and painless recovery.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Taylor
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President

The following persons were suggested as recipients of the invitation letter: Peter Hendel, Earl Hansen, Richard Gagne, Joe Mastro, John Hanlon, Albert Dunkel, John Paul, Sam March, Irving Marsh, Nicholas Wallner, David and Terry Closson, Lloyd Perkins.

In Richardson Blair's absence, the Board members expressed their appreciation of Mr. Blair's help to the Association in gathering information about Lamb's Swamp concerning its importance to the Pond and the ownership and assessment of the existing acreage in the wetlands. Following the action of the Association membership at the 1980 Annual Meeting in requesting that the future of the Swamp be considered by our Conservation Committee under the chairmanship of Paul Whitman, the Directors authorized Paul Whitman to confer with Richardson Blair and the other Committee members as soon as possible, and if it seemed desirable, to invite others, who are not members of the Association, including Steve Smith and Bertram Pulsifer, to join with our Committee in investigating alternatives.

In the meantime the Board thought it advisable not to make any public announcements of the various ways in which we could collaborate with the University of New Hampshire or make other arrangements for projects in the wetlands, since this might alarm and/or annoy the owners of the under-water acreage. Mary Perry had suggested that after Paul Whitman's Committee had conferred on the subject, a meeting of the landowners of the Swamp might be held to talk about possibilities that would be beneficial both to them and to the community at large.

The Board also authorized Paul Whitman to go ahead with the investigation of possibilities for selling the sunken logs in the Pond and requested him to