

**MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, July 30, 2016 9:30 – 11:00 AM**

The Annual Messer Pond Protective Association Meeting was held at the First Baptist Church in New London and called to order at 9:30 am.

- A. 2016 Ballot: The ballot of officers was presented. Dick Showalter volunteered to serve as Treasurer for the coming year. The Vice-President and Secretary positions remained unfilled. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers as presented, including proxy votes. The following officers were officially sworn in to serve a one-year term for the 2016-2017 season, effective July 30, 2016:

President:	John Doyle
Vice-President:	
Secretary:	
Treasurer:	Dick Showalter
Director:	Scott Ellison
Director:	Sue Maguire Shock
Director:	Ethan Simon

- B. Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting: Minutes of last year's Annual Meeting (8/8/2015), were unanimously approved as presented.
- C. Board Reports: Reports on MPPA Board activity and Water Protection Programs were distributed via email prior to the meeting and handouts were available at the meeting. A few of the highlights that were touched on were:
- As of the end of last year, there were 60 families in the Association.
 - The Association has approximately \$24,000 in the bank.
 - Sue Showalter had assumed the role of Lake Host point person; replacing Terri Bingham
 - The Troxells and the Harris' were thanked for hosting the Fall and Winter membership gatherings the past year.
- D. Volunteer Recognition: John Doyle presented a list of members who have donated their time to the ongoing watershed initiatives. The broad participation is indicative of the entire membership's commitment to maintaining the health and beauty of Messer Pond.
- E. Messer Pond Watershed Management Plan – Review Results and Recommendations:

The Watershed Management Plan was submitted and approved by the NH Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) in March 2016. John presented some of the results from that analysis. Some of the points that were covered included:

- The general sources of Phosphorus entering Messer Pond.
- A breakdown of the Phosphorus and sediment loading (by section within the watershed).
- The overall conclusion that that there is no single source of nutrient loading that is responsible for the above average Phosphorus levels in the Messer Pond.

John went on to explain the goals and recommendations proposed by the Plan to achieve an acceptable level of Phosphorus and sediment loading and thus remove the "impaired" designation from the NH DES. The Plan proposes the goal of reducing the Phosphorus entering Messer Pond by 21 lbs/yr; which should result in a reduction of the in-lake Phosphorus level from 12 ug/l to 10 ug/l.

John went on to summarize the recommendations in the plan to address the nutrient loading and achieve the stated Phosphorus and sediment mitigation goals. Those recommendations fall into 3 categories:

- Storm water management
- Managing development growth (the increase of impervious area) within the watershed
- Addressing the impacts that I-89 has on the watershed

F. Goals for 2016-2017:

John Doyle reviewed the items that the Board was planning to address over the coming year. Those items included:

- Maintain our efforts on the on-going watershed initiatives.
- Expand our water sampling in the watershed; to start acquiring data to monitor the effectiveness of any implemented BMP's.
- Work with the Planning Board on the zoning proposals recommended by the Watershed Plan.
- Expand our outreach efforts to members of the watershed, bring together a group of local lake associations to review recommendations from the Plan, continue to contact local colleges
- Submit a preproposal to DES for the County Road grant; work with the town on its implementation.

G. Miscellaneous Items from the Past Year:

John then reviewed several other items that the Board has been addressing/discussing outside the overall focus on the Watershed Management Plan. Those items included:

- The planned repair of the Bog Road Culvert
- The Boat Launch property sale
- Annual Catch Basin Cleanup
- Implications of a dirt road and winter maintenance vis-à-vis storm water management

H. Other Business:

- At the request of several neighbors, a general discussion on acceptable noise levels around Messer Pond took place.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Doyle