

**MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Saturday, July 29, 2017 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. Remembrance: The group observed a moment of silence for the three friends and neighbors who passed away over the last year: Eric Berg, Dick Denise, Jane Landenberger.
- B. 2017 Ballot: The ballot of officers was presented with the Vice-President and Secretary positions open. 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 2017-2018 season, effective July 29, 2017:

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

- C. Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting: Minutes of last year's Annual Meeting (7/30/2016), were unanimously approved as presented.
- D. 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 50 families in the Association.
  - The MPPA is in a healthy financial position with approximately \$29,000 in the bank.
  - A \$10,000 DES grant to address the upper Country Brook BMP recommendations has been preliminarily approved. The work will be done in conjunction with the NL DPW.
  - The Association worked with the LSPA to organize a meeting of five of the local lake associations.
  - The MPPA partnered with the Environmental Science Department at NH Technical Institute (NHTI) to research conductivity trends in Messer Pond.
  - The Troxells and the Harris' were thanked for hosting the Fall and Winter membership gatherings the past year. The Stetsons were thanked for organizing and hosting a BBQ on July 4<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the MPPA's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- E. 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.
- F. Messer Pond Watershed Management Plan – Background and status:

The Watershed Management Plan was submitted and approved by the NH Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) in March 2016. Much of the focus of the Board over the past year has been to act on the recommendations from this plan.

This discussion started by reviewing the threats to the ecology of Messer Pond and how addressing these issues fit with the overall mission and initiatives of the MPPA. The four areas of concern are:

- Invasive Species
- Chemical Pollutants
- Sediment
- pH

Next, the 2016 – 2017 goals were reviewed and the status on those efforts. Some of the accomplishments that were discussed:

- Submission and final approval of a grant to address upper County Road BMPs
- Commitment from town to help with this effort
- Partnership with local lake associations to identify and address issues that affect water quality
- Engage with NHTI to kick off what we hope will be a multiyear effort to study the impact of I-89 on water quality
- Maintain an active commitment to our watershed initiatives

G. Goals for 2017-2018:

The objectives for the coming year were discussed. They are:

- Utilize the Watershed Assistance grant to address the County Road BMP recommendations
- Maintain our efforts on the on-going watershed initiatives.
- Balance efforts with the need to start planning for a next phase – acting on another set of BMPs from the Watershed Management Plan

The specifics of the Watershed Assistance grant were discussed; including the description of the proposed tasks, a timeline and estimated costs.

Around future planning, the goal will be to build on the previous semester's work and expand the conductivity research with NHTI as well as continue to meet with local lake associations to identify common water quality concerns.

H. Miscellaneous Items from the Past Year:

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

- The planned repair/replacement of the broken gate at the Boat Launch
- DPW ditch and catch basin work on Forest Acres to address storm water runoff
- Possible topics for future educational seminars

I. Other Business:

At the request of several neighbors, general discussions on the following topics took place:

- Boating practices on Messer Pond, in regard to safety, noise and impact on water quality
- The uprooted tree on the Forest Acres Road shared lot

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Doyle