

MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, July 21, 2018 9:15 – 11:00 AM

The Annual Messer Pond Protective Association Meeting was held at the New London Historical Society and called to order at 9:15 am.

- A. 2018 Ballot: The ballot of officers was presented with the Vice-President and Secretary positions open. After the ballot was distributed, Tom McCauley volunteered to serve as a Director. 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 2018-2019 season, effective July 21, 2018:

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

- B. Minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting: Minutes of last year's Annual Meeting (7/29/2017), were unanimously approved as presented.
- C. 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.
- D. Edwin S. Brown Forest Preserve: John Doyle acknowledged and thanked Bob and Sandy Brown for placing this conservation easement on their property. This donation to the ASLPT creates a permanent buffer between Messer Pond and I-89 and County Road; helping to protect the quality of the water in the pond.
- E. 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:
- The Association has kicked off the Watershed Assistance Grant effort and is currently working with two engineering firms and the Town of New London to implement three of the BMP recommendations from the Watershed Management Plan
 - The Association worked with the LSPA to organize a meeting of the local lake associations to discuss the impact of winter road maintenance and salting on water quality.
 - The MPPA partnered with the Environmental Science Department at NH Technical Institute (NHTI) to expand the research on conductivity trends to five area lakes and ponds.
 - The MPPA is in a healthy financial position with approximately \$30,000 in the bank.
 - As of the end of last year, there were 57 families in the Association.
 - The roads on the north side of Messer Pond were paved by the Town of New London.
 - The Association purchased Liability Insurance to protect the MPPA and all members who are volunteering time to watershed activities.
 - The web site is being updated by Nancy Stetson.

- The Harris' and the Stetsons were thanked for hosting the Fall and Winter membership gatherings the past year.

F. Goals for 2018-2019:

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

- Complete the tasks identified in the Watershed Assistance grant that 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

G. Soak Up the Rain:

In response to a request from many members; Lisa Loosigian was invited to speak on the “Soak Up the Rain – New Hampshire” program sponsored by the Department of Environmental Services. The purpose of the program is to educate watershed residents on the impact of storm water runoff from their properties. The talk focused on the causes of the runoff and ways to mitigate the effects on the environment.

Lisa offered to perform free site visits and six residents took advantage of that opportunity. She also provided educational material.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Doyle