

HERRING PONDS WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

42 Carters Bridge Road Plymouth, MA

Submitted by Secretary Margaret Burke

Members in attendance: Brian Harrington ex officio; Martha Sheldon; Don Williams; Geri Williams; Ramona Krogman; Lee Pulis; Paula Kuketz; Jack Kedian; Jerry Levine; Margaret Burke; Zack Tympanick (HPWA Intern).

Don Williams brought the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

1. Minutes Approval

March 17, 2018 minutes were reviewed with one minor correction. **Motion made to approve, seconded, and motion carried.** The August 13 BOD 2018 minutes were reviewed. **Motion made to approve, seconded, and motion carried.** The August 27, 2018 BOD minutes were reviewed with one correction and **a motion made to approve, seconded, and motion carried.**

2. Treasurer's Report Approval

There was no treasurers report as the Treasurer could not be present for the meeting tonight.

3. Committee reports

As mentioned previously there is no treasurers report tonight. Please see attachments to these minutes for committee reports.

4. Old Business

Help for Lee as webmaster – Possibly a consultant to assist with analytics.

New BOD members - Names were suggested for possible new BOD members. Ramona said she would like to become the Government Liaison BOD member. A motion was made, seconded and motion carried.

Follow up to Brainstorming meeting “to get the word out” There will be another meeting to prioritize and fine tune data.

Joint meeting with Wildlands Trust featuring Doctor Nate Horwitz-Willis - e-mails will be sent notifying the membership of the meeting, Healthy and Safe Waters, at Wildlands Trust 675 Long Pond Road in Plymouth on October 9, 2018 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Pac TV will also be contacted regarding televising this event.

Availability of BOD minutes to others follow up – Peg, Lee - This process of posting the minutes to the website will begin October 1, 2018 and will not be retroactive. Further details to be worked out.

5) New Business

A) Shopping tote promotional items – Geri- Tote bags could be purchased and for marketing, branding, fundraising and “thank you” gifts.

6) Any Other Business?

The water quality report was discussed as the dissolved oxygen numbers were not consistent over the July- September period. Also, board members were requested to keep track of committee volunteer hours and report them to Linda White starting October 1st. and continue through October, November and December to January 1, 2019 at which time this process will become official. There will be no winter newsletter as one just came out September 25th.

7) Adjournment – There was a motion to adjourn, seconded and motion carried.

EduCom Report – for September 24, 2018 ExCom Meeting – Lee Pulis

Action Items since last meeting

- Geri prepped to contact schools about Spring 2019 in-school herring programming.
- Research on sponsoring camperships to Camps Bournedale, Clark, and Hedges Pond camps:

Camp Bournedale 1-week day camp, ages 7-14	- \$480
Camp Clark 1-week basic day camp, ages 6-12 (Non-member)	- \$225
Camp Clark 1-week Leader in Training camp, ages 13-14 (NM)	- \$225
Hedges Pond 4-week half-day playground camp, ages 4-12	- \$220
Hedges Pond 4-week CIT camp (half days), ages 13-15	- <u>\$160</u>
Total, one each of all above:	\$1310

- HPWA Fall eNewsletter announces tentative “save the date” for April 2019 Shed Faire fundraiser to cover above. Some donated items are already in storage at Phil’s garage (2nd floor). While Phil’s away, email Lee to arrange for a time to coordinate with Sandi and put items in storage.
- Hedges Pond Hall renovation: Query out to CPC member and Selectman John Mahoney for an update. Hoping to have an answer for Monday.

Facebook social media posts since last report(contributors welcome):

- Sep 20: Public meeting announcement: Tues, Oct. 9, Healthy & Safe Waters
- Sep 16: Shared Mikolji gallery show Orchids of Venezuela in Carracas
- Sep 6: Shared Herring Alliance post RE 50-mile buffer along New England coast
- Sep 3: Goldfinch nesting and thistle down in Ramona’s back yard
- Aug 30: Replaced old picnic profile/banner photo with multiple updated slides
- Aug 13: Boosted: 218 people reached: Video (30-minutes) of Joel Llopiz’s March 17 program on larval herring in GHP



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APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT - 1939 to 2018 – 80th Season

Day Camp

Fee: \$480 per week | Transportation Available (\$50 per week)
Ages 7 to 14 | Lunch Provided | 9am to 5pm

Optional Focus for Week
(Check if Desired)

1 st Day Camp Session: Monday, July 02, 2018, to Friday, July 06, 2018	No Focus Week 1
2 nd Day Camp Session: Monday, July 09, 2018, to Friday, July 13, 2018	Fishing
3 rd Day Camp Session: Monday, July 16, 2018, to Friday, July 20, 2018	Marine Science
4 th Day Camp Session: Monday, July 23, 2018, to Friday, July 27, 2018	Soccer
5 th Day Camp Session: Monday, July 30, 2018, to Friday, August 03, 2018	Marine Science
6 th Day Camp Session: Monday, August 6, 2018, to Friday, August 10, 2018	Soccer
7 th Day Camp Session: Saturday, August 11, 2018, to Tuesday, August 14, 2018	*Special Rate \$200

*7th week is a 4 day program during the closing days of the overnight camp. All standard camp activities will be offered during this special, four day, \$200 program.

Camp Clark

CAMP '18	AGES	WEEK 2 6/25-6/29	WEEK 3 7/2-7/6	WEEK 4 7/9-7/13	WEEK 5 7/16-7/20	WEEK 6 7/23-7/27	WEEK 7 7/30-8/3	WEEK 8 8/6-8/10	WEEK 9 8/13-8/17	WEEK 10 8/20-8/24	MEMBER FEE PER WEEK	NON-MEMBER FEE PER WEEK*
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CAMPS												
Week 1 (6/18-6/22)	4-13	*No Lunch/Transportation		Circle days for each session: M T W Th F						\$42/day	\$45/day	
Chipmunk 1/2 Day	4-5										\$125	\$140
Chipmunk Full Day	4-5										\$210	\$225
Basic Day Camp	6-12										\$210	\$225
Leader in Training	13-14										\$210	\$225
Counselor in Training	15	four weeks (\$375 member/\$400 non)				four weeks (\$375 member/\$400 non)				week (\$30 member/\$100 non)	N/A	N/A
Aqua Adventure	9-13										\$275	\$290
Basketball Camp	9-13										\$275	\$290
Junior Lifeguarding	13-15										\$275	\$295
Early Engineers	6-12										\$275	\$290
Summer Fun Club	8-15										\$350	\$400
Swim Lessons	4-14										\$60	\$60
Camp Lunch	4-15										\$17.50	\$17.50

HEDGES POND

This state of the art facility has adjustable basketball nets, a soccer field, an arts and crafts area and much more! You can count on our playground program to be there for your child every morning this summer, weather permitting. Children will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of different activities including baseball, basketball, tennis, soccer, street hockey, Gaga Pit and arts & crafts. Children will have the opportunity to go on nature hikes, Geo-Cache, collect and sample aquatic vegetation and explore the various eco-systems that exist on the property.

The Half Day Program consists of three 45 minute sessions. In every session children chooses a new activity.

Date: Monday-Friday, June 25th-August 10th (no class 7/4) **Location:** Hedges Pond Recreation Area (158 Hedges Pond Rd)

Ages: 4-12 **Time:** 9:00a -12:00p **Fee:** \$220 per child

WE'VE ADDED AGES 4&5 TO OUR HEDGES POND HALF DAY PROGRAM / 4&5 YEAR OLDS WILL BE IN THEIR OWN GROUP

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT) PROGRAM

This program is for individuals too old for our half-day program, but too young to have a job yet. Through this program individuals will be given the opportunity to work closely with our staff learning the ropes of the program. This program is perfect for individuals who will be looking for a job working with children or working at another camp when they are old enough. The CIT will rotate through each of our different activities so they get a feel for what each counselor does with their groups. The program is very limited. Each person applying to be a CIT must obtain 2 letters of recommendation from a coach, neighbor, etc. stating why he/she would be a good fit for the program. CIT's must be available 4 weeks at one our half-day locations.

Date: Monday-Friday, June 25th-August 10th (no class 7/4) **Time:** 8:45a-12:15p **Ages:**13-15

Location: West Elementary School or Hedges Pond **Fee:** \$160 per person

Contact the Recreation Dept. for more information: 508-747-1620 Ext. 10137

Water Quality Committee Report

August samples at the major swimming areas of Little and Great Herring Ponds showed very low e. coli levels; all tested areas are safe for swimming.

Up until the middle of August, Great Herring Pond has less silt and algae than in past years. Lab testing showed phosphorus to be at 0.007 milligrams/liter, lower than we have ever seen and below the impairment level. While this was good news, an algae bloom occurred in late August perhaps as a result of runoff from a major rainstorm on August 19. While the clarity and the late algae bloom are puzzling, it is encouraging that improved pond water quality may be in our reach.

Jim Smith's August sampling of Little Herring Pond shows the underlying aquifer to be healthy and e. coli levels to be low. We now have results for 9 months; nitrate levels (indicative of negative human impact) resemble town well levels that are in the less densely populated areas of Plymouth.

I have started meeting with our Rising Tide Charter School intern, Zach Tympanick, who will be helping us to arrange and interpret pond water quality data for easy understanding. We will be plotting charts that will compare results of the same month in different years or results from different months in the same year, for example. We will be looking for trends and using the data to plan future testing.

I arranged a meeting between state senator Vinnie deMacedo with myself and representatives from two Plymouth Departments, Public Works and Marine and Environmental Sciences. When I talked with the senator in June, he expressed an interest in seeing what Plymouth had done in the 3 sites where runoff remediation had been done. I had explained to him that each time a remediation had been done, a lowering of the phosphorus level had occurred. It would be important to know that pond water quality could be improved by the less expensive expedient of controlling runoff rather than by costly measures such as sewerage or sediment phosphorus control. The senator was impressed and suggested that Departments of Public Works join together to request more state budget money for runoff projects.

Committee on Invasives Report 9/22/2018

On September 6th the invasive committee and Sara Grady sampled both Herring ponds for invasive plants. We used boats provided by Don and Jim. We did not identify any invasive plants in the water. Be aware that we sampled only the water not the shore.

I am waiting for a report from Sara and will send this out to the Board as soon as I have a copy. I will also write an article for the newsletter on the results of the sampling.

Please be aware if you notice any plants that might be an invasive contact me and I will sample/identify the plant. The state of MA has several publications on invasive plants, I have some copies and would be happy to provide them.

I am considering doing a seminar on control of aquatic invasives.

From: Geri Williams geri3williams@comcast.net

Subject: Newsletter and Outreach Committee report

Date: September 22, 2018 at 2:30 PM

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Hi all,

Attached is the 1st draft of our Fall newsletter. Please review and send me your edits and comments. I filled in with articles on recycling and treating woody plants because I had room and thought these were appropriate subjects. If anyone has anything else they would like to write and put in the newsletter send it to me by the end of the weekend. There is still a little room on the last page and I can delete either article or the recycle graphic.

As far as Outreach committee report. We had to reschedule the October general meeting to Tues. Oct.9 because the original date is Columbus Day and we could not get the church or Wildlands Trust or the Red Schoolhouse for that night. Don and I decided after making sure that Dr. Nate could do Oct. 9 that we probably would get a better turnout by joining with Wildlands and they were available and eager to work with us again.

I have left a message with the Bristol County Agricultural HS which was featured in the most recent issue of *Massachusetts Wildlife* for their work head starting turtles. Since 2009 they have released 163 Red Bellied Cooters. I'm hoping to get their teacher(s) and some students to come talk about their work with the cooters and bring some juvenile turtles with them for our March 23, 2019 public meeting. If they are not available I will contact someone from Mass Wildlife to come and speak and try to get some cooters from Plymouth DMEA or SEMBA.

I am looking for suggestions for other meeting programs for next year. Send me your ideas.

Thanks Geri



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