

Minutes for the QQLA Board of Directors Meeting

February 16, 2017

Location: Nielsen's home

Chair: Doug Vizard, President

Members Present: no quorum 8/18

- **South Pond:** Skip & Judy Nielsen, Doug Vizard, Meg Noyes, Marita Tasse, Carrol Yorzyk, Scott Peckins
- **North Pond:** Randy Weiss

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM

Secretary's Minutes: Judy; January minutes electronically approved and posted.

Treasurer's Report: Doug reported as MaryLou absent. Savings are stable.

Membership: Doug; no report currently

PROJECT REPORTS:

NORTH POND PRESERVATION:

SWWTP: Doug/Skip

Multiple staff changes at the DEP have delayed our conversations. EPA says the draft NYPDS permit is being written now. ESS and our attorney are still preparing to represent QQLA at the public hearing.

SOUTH POND PRESERVATION:

FLOW BARRIER: Skip

Flow barrier remains closed per winter standards. Skip is meeting with Randy and Doug to review the management of the barrier once "ice out conditions" exist.

ESS SERVICE PROPOSAL FOR 2017

Weed management/NPDES Permit support. Discussed and agreed upon. No vote per lack of quorum. Doug will send out the request to all members for an electronic vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Emergency Sturbridge Board of Health Meeting: Monday, Feb. 13 over 100 Sturbridge residents shared their outrage over the contamination of their residential wells by the Casella

Landfill in Southbridge. 19 of 19 wells tested, had high levels of lead and the carcinogen 1,4 dioxin. 4 members of QQLA attended because our concerns relating to the Spencer landfill/treatment facility affects our lakes and waterways. The concerns could be very similar.

Stationary approval: Marita displayed several examples of QQLA stationary using our new LOGO. Decision made and we will soon be using new cards and envelopes. Thank you to Marita!

Newsletter: Randy noted there is little activity on our page and suggests a photo contest would be fun. He will contact Don Roberts and Tom Neill as possible judges. Prizes could be a QQLA tee shirt and QQLA hat.

Spring Newsletter: There is an urgent need for volunteers to create one. Re contact Carl Nelson from No. Pond and possibly MaryLou. Bumper stickers to be included.

Winter Social: Held at Meg's house and was a great success. Approx. 35 attendees with fun and good food!

Next Meeting: March 14, 2017 @ 6:30pm location TBA.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM

Judith Nielsen, recording secretary