

Minutes for Q.Q.L.A. Board of Directors

April 15, 2021

Location: Zoom meeting

Moderator: Will Seabourne

Members present: Bill Seabourne, Susan Swanstrom, Don Taft, Mary Lou Knight, Meg Noyes, Carrol Yorzyk, Doug Vizard, Marita Tasse, Annette Lazili, Connie Montross

Bill Seabourne called the meeting to order. The members approved the minutes from the previous meeting and will approve the Treasurer's report when Carlene returns from vacation.

Committee Reports:

319 Grant

Doug reported on the status of application for the 319 grant. The Board discussed how the members might enlist support from town and state officials such as Ann Gobi and other qualified experts via letters or meetings. Skip and Meg agreed to set up a meeting with Ann Gobi. Don has drafted a letter to Brookfield town officials. Doug, Skip, Don and Bill discussed the reasons that the Q.Q.L.A. application was not approved and focused on ways to address those reasons in this second application. Skip brought up the question of how Q.Q.L.A. might proceed to solve the phosphorus problem if the grant were denied in September. Skip suggested that QQLA raise more money and request additional funds from the three towns in order to proceed with the alum treatment without state support. He noted that this approach would save administrative and reporting costs.

Bridge and porta-potties

Based on limited information, members reported that the bridge will be done in the fall. Bill has asked Slim's Sewer Service to remove the porta-potties rented by Q.Q.L.A. because the towns are taking over this service.

Flow barrier

Doug reported that he has coordinated the opening of the barrier with the bridge construction team in order not to disrupt the bridge work. It has been opened by three inches recently, thus allowing extra water to flow from South Pond to the channel.

Weed treatment

Doug reviewed with the members the proposal from ESS for mapping and treatment of weeds in North Pond, the channel and South Pond in addition to the costs for resubmitting the 319 application. Skip suggested that ESS do an additional test of the muck in South Pond. Doug has sent the proposal to all members with the detailed costs and treatments. The members approved the proposal request from ESS.

Membership

Carlene has reported to Bill that there were 140 members at present.

Fundraising

Bill reported that he will send out a fundraising letter in May, with the hope of raising \$12,000 to \$14,000. The Poker -Paddle run will happen in 2021- to be discussed at later meetings.

Social and Community Events

Don will ask Christine at Oakholm about possible weekday dates such as May 26th or June 2nd for a pot-luck social under a tent at Oakholm. The Board will finalize plans at the next meeting.

Due to the social, there will not be a Memorial Day gathering, but QQLA will hold its annual Boat Parade over the 4th of July weekend, possibly on the 3rd of July.

New Business

On May 1st from 9-12, QQLA members will do a clean-up day. Don has coordinated with the town of Brookfield and has bags. He will give the bags and lists of roads to Sherri Zitter, this year's coordinator.

Contact information for Sherri: 149 Lake Road, smzitter@gmail.com, phone: 617 610-21763

Since Steve Lockney was not present, the update on the YMCA camp will come at a future meeting.

The next meeting of the QQLA board will be at 6:30 on 5/19.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Montross

Co-Recording Secretary