



Minutes – HPC Meeting Oct 30; Susan’s house; 118 Headwaters Dr. Zoom meeting.

Attendees:

Susan Cyr	Patrick Otton
Ann Frechette	Diana Preston
Scott Norum	Erik Skramstad
Donna Connolly	John Ketchum
Rich Walker	

- I. Ground rules revisit**
- II. Vote on Ben Warshaw as interim Secretary/new Board member**
- III. Review and approval of letters of support**
- IV. Discussion on next steps for our advocacy on reducing fertilizer/pesticide use**

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- I. Ground rules revisit**
 - Discussed and reiterated protocol and policy around board discussions and votes. As long as we have a quorum, majority rules. Once decision is made, we move forward.
 - John will add the board members to the website.
 - Links to Articles & Bylaws will be added as well.
 - Misc update – John shared that pond pages are complete! Thank you to Ann, Rich and John!
- II. New member**

Donna’s recommendation of Ben Warshaw as Interim Secretary and Board member was an unanimous YES!
- III. Review and approval of letters of support**
 - Edit and approval of CPC letter
 - Edit and approval of Select Board/Finance/Capital Outlay letter
 - HPA(Hinckleys Pond Assoc) will also send support letter (already did!)

- GLSA will review at their Nov 21 meeting (Ann – please look at Stephanie’s dates as she goes in front of CPC for water quality equipment on 11/13)

IV. Next Steps on Fertilizer/Pesticide Mitigation Strategy & Advocacy

After review and discussion of the work done so far on John/Diana’s research into reporting data on usage, BOH input on their plans to support more regulations around pesticides and Patrick’s legislative update on the Wellfleet/Orleans bills, we discussed how we could be most effective in our own advocacy, specifically working towards a Select Board sponsored study group made up of broader representation of Harwich stakeholders. The board took a vote to approve the request of the Select Board with Diana Preston abstaining.

Next Steps:

- Susan will send a note to Don Howell & Select Board asking to get on the agenda for a Select Board meeting. Will copy the Board on email.
- If we do not hear back within the next couple of weeks with specific date, we will do a public comment in Select Board meeting on Dec 1. (Team – we didn’t discuss specific dates but looking at calendar and Thanksgiving week, I’m giving them a little grace. I would think they could respond with a date by then – even if it means putting us off to Dec/Jan timeframe?)
- Decided that we need a broader social media presence – this will be added to next HPC agenda.
- Also decided there is a good opportunity for youth outreach through internship in expanding our social media presence as well as youth education/advocacy.
- Misc call out - Nov 18 – BOH Fertilizer reduction meeting in which Patrick will be on the agenda. Please come and support him if you can make it!
- Misc call out - 2nd week of Feb deadline for home rule petition on fertilizer/pesticide – just so you all have that date noted.

Susan will put the next few meetings out on the calendar so we can plan accordingly.