

President's Report BOD Meeting Monday, 05/16/22

1) Open Meeting – Don (1 minute)

A busy month for us – first Water Sampling of the season, Trash Pickup Day, Herring Fest Herring Obstacle Course, timely communications to our membership throughout. Congratulations to all!

2) Approval of BOD 04/18/22 Minutes – Trish (2 minutes)

Great job again, Trish!

3) Treasurer Report, Approval of March, April Balance Sheet – John (5 minutes)

Welcome Home, John!

4) Committee Reports – Any Questions? Major Announcements?

a) Future Programs, Meetings Formats, Feedback on Recent Programs – Geri (3 minutes)

b) Herring Count Report – Ramona (3 minutes)

The herring were late getting to GHP, despite being at Carter Beal. No obstructions were found between Carter Beal and the bridge on Little Sandy Pond Road. It was suggested that the herring were travelling at night.

c) Water Quality Plan Status – Don (3 minutes)

Word was received from Kim to expect a pre-draft Water Quality Plan by the end of May that does not contain phytoplankton results (difficulties with the testing lab). This will allow us to get started reviewing the report. Thanks, Kim, for requesting this.

5) Summary of Meetings Attended

6) Old Business

a) Pond Boating Tours, Outings, Insurance Updates – All (5 minutes)

As per the BOD consensus from the last BOD meeting, two applications to insurance companies were submitted. Nothing has been heard back yet.

b) Herring Festival April Obstacle Course Summary – Melissa (10 minutes)

Positive feedback from the kids and their parents. Big crowds. The kids knew quite a bit about the herring but were able to learn more. Major thanks to all the helpers (Geri for the prep, Lee and Teri for the ideas and setup, Jerry for being the ambassador, Beth, Martha and Brian for greeting the public, Phil and Brian for helping with takedown and storage and Teri's daughter and son-in-law for monitoring the "herring run."

7) New Business

a) Does Anyone Need Help? – All (3 minutes)

Please don't hesitate to request some assistance; we have found that if we ask members for help (Linda White – Trash Day, for example, kudos to Linda for a job well done and to Geri for asking her), they will give it.

b) Response to GHP Clearcutting – All (10 minutes)

My apologies to the BOD for sending the email off to Rich Vacca, Lee Hartmann and Derek Brindisi without consulting the BOD first. I saw the new clearcutting during my sculling and was very discouraged. I sent a follow-up email to Rich Vacca inviting him to our BOD meeting but haven't heard back. We should discuss next steps such as sending an email directly to the Select Board, attending a Select Board Meeting, etc. Any escalation should be a consensus of the BOD, if possible.

c) Grants and Opportunities Discussion – Brian (15 minutes)

Brian suggested we talk about grants since we have a volunteer grant writer. What are some good ideas for grant topics?

8) Any other business?

Plymouth Youth Foundation has the \$5000 check from HPWA. It was never transferred to Plymouth. It will be used for electrical work on the Hedges Pond building when it is proposed/approved by CDC and Town Meeting.

9) Next BOD Meeting – June 27 (2 minutes)

10) Adjournment