

Six Ponds Improvement Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 4, 2023 via ZOOM

PRESIDING: Hampton Watkins, President

The business meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Hybrid, A quorum was present

Location: Pinewoods Camp dining hall

OPENING REMARKS

Hampton Watkins welcomed everyone. He thanked Pinewoods Camp for hosting Six Ponds Association once again, and noted that it was good to be meeting in person as well as having the traditional potluck dinner again. He announced that member Caroline Chapin is the neighborhood representative on the Pinewoods Board.

He noted that all the Six Ponds neighborhoods are now in Precinct 16 and acknowledged the Town Meeting members.

Watkins reported that the Halfway Pond/Long Pond Roads intersection will not go forward this year due to several issues. Hopefully it will start early in 2024. MASS Fish and Wildlife and Makepeace are still trying to figure out issues regarding the sluiceway between Long Pond and Halfway Pond.

He has been getting records from the Town on the septic systems in the area. There are about 588 structures on septic systems. He and Peggy Briggs are trying to locate them all especially since the state is making changes at some point on septic systems.

Susanne Lucas and Watkins are working with Alex Beloit, Firewise, to pick up this program once again and to look at access points to the ponds in case of a fire.

The Minutes of the June 12, 2022 Annual Meeting were presented. Al Baum made a motion, seconded by Bruce Howard, to accept the minutes as presented. VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURER'S REPORT-6/1/2022-5/31/2023

OPENING BALANCE	\$9595.00
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INCOME

Donations	\$1470.00
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Membership	\$4527.00
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TOTAL	\$5997.00
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EXPENSES

Meetings ZOOM	\$159.00	
Web Hosting	\$76.00	
Meeting insurance	\$194.00	
Membership E-mail blasts	\$137.00	
Membership-print % mail	\$341.00	
Office supplies	\$230.00	
Donations		
Wildlands Trust	\$500.00	
Pinewoods	\$500.00	
Eagle Scout project	\$200.00	
Total	\$2337.00	
ENE BALANCE		\$13,255.00

Pompey Delafield made a motion, seconded by Emily Davis, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The proposed 2023-2024 budget was presented.

See Sheet 1 at end of minutes.

Watkins reviewed the proposed budget. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Sam Chapin and seconded by Linda Warren to approve the proposed 2023-2024 budget. VOTE-APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill Abbott, chair of the Nominating Committee presented the slate for 2023-2024:

President: Hampton Watkins

Vice President: Ed Russell

Treasurer: Sanford Leslie

Secretary: Lois Post

Executive Board:

Leighton Price, '24, Halfway Pond

Al Baum, '24, Little Long Pond

Caroline Chapin, '24, Long Pond

Kathy Marks, '24, Bloody Pond

Debbie D'Isabel, '25, Little Long Pond and Plymouth Estates

Peggy Briggs, '25, Halfway Pond

Meg Harding, '26, Gallows and Long Ponds

Kit Warren, '26, Little Long and Long Pond

Larry Rosenblum, '26, Round Pond

Submitted by Bill Abbott, Betsy Hall, David Buckman

A motion was made by Love Howard and seconded by Linda Warren to accept the report of the Nominating Committee. VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Watkins thanked Emily Davis, Sarah Geer, and Linda Warren who are going off the Board for their work as Board members. He thanked Meg Harding, Kit Warren, and Larry Rosenblum for joining the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Firewise-Pompey Delafield reminded those present to keep records when they did work or had work done on their property (clearing, cleaning). # hours and costs, such as tree work. There is a form to fill out on the website for him to use when compiling information for the Firewise program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Watkins would like to have a Six Ponds social event after Labor Day at Wildlands Trust. The Board will work on this over the summer and will also look into a speaker. Several suggestions were made.

There being no further business, Sam Chapin made a motion, seconded by Al Baum, to adjourn. VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Lois Post

Secretary

GUEST SPEAKER: Watkins introduced Chris Jacobs, Pinewoods Executive Director and Naturalist. She spoke about the uniqueness and beauty of this area as well as the biodiversity of the 6 Ponds.

Six Ponds Improvement Association Proposed 2023-2024 Budget
June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023

Fiscal Years	22-23 Budget	22-23 Actual	23-24 Proposed
Balance Forward	\$9,500.00	\$9,595.00	\$13,255.00
Income			
Dues	\$3,750.00	\$4,527.00	\$3,600.00
Donations	\$250.00	\$1,470.00	\$1,200.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$13,500.00	\$15,592.00	\$18,055.00
Expenses			
Newsletters	\$400.00		\$450.00
Administration	\$750.00		\$750.00
Supplies (POBox)		\$230.00	\$400.00
Six Ponds Website		\$76.00	\$100.00
Zoom	\$160.00	\$159.00	\$200.00
Water Quality Website			\$100.00
Water Testing	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
Membership	\$750.00		\$1,500.00
Printing/Mailing		\$478.00	
Summer Event		\$0.00	
Annual Meeting/Social Events	\$750.00		\$1,000.00
Insurance		\$194.00	\$400.00
Door Prize		\$0.00	\$250.00
Mailing		\$0.00	\$300.00
Supplies		\$0.00	\$100.00
Contributions	\$1,000.00		
Wildlands Trust		\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Watershed Action Alliance		\$0.00	
Pinewoods Camp		\$500.00	\$500.00
Wind-in-the-Pines		\$0.00	
Other		\$200.00	\$500.00
Total Expenses	\$5,810.00	\$2,337.00	\$9,550.00
Actual/Projected Closing Balance	\$7,690.00	\$13,255.00	\$8,505.00