

## 2021\_01\_04 HMCA BoD Annual Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom - start at 7:00 pm

In attendance: Board Members Diana Todd, Francie Marbury, Nancy Anderson, Pieter van Loon, Jack Widness, Eric Slayton, Lydia Nuhfer, Carol Berner, Sarah Robb Grieco, HPC Chair Mike Purcell, Guest Mike Henaghan

**(Post-meeting action items shown in bold.)**

- Call to order - self introductions by board members
- Board business
  - Review agenda - Financial Advisory Committee report added under Treasurer's report
  - Officially record approval of minutes of the Oct 5, 2020 meeting (already approved via email). So recorded
  - Elect new Directors. (Eric Slayton, Lydia Nuhfer). Unanimously approved
  - Re-elect returning Directors (Carol Berner, Jack Widness, second 3-year term) Unanimously approved
  - Elect officers. See below
  - Thank retiring Director (Diana Todd)
- Proposal for film documentary, Mike Henaghan  
Mike presented plan for film. Well received by board. Discussion as to advantages/disadvantages of potential publicity from film. **Mike H will generate Google Doc for HMCA Directors and others to share contacts and information.**
- Potential for hosting events/hikes re: Abenaki history & culture, Jack Widness
  - Dan Shears, a Material Cultural Advisor to the Nulhegan Abenaki tribe, reached out to the Museum and HMCA to explore ideas for educational programs about the Abenaki history and culture. Could include hikes on mountain, evening program, etc.
  - Diana reminds that our goal is to provide outdoor programs on Hogback
  - Carol is interested in being part of long range planning with an eye to coordinating programs with the Marlboro Elementary School.
  - **Jack will follow up by exploring more ideas with Dan Shears**
- Treasurer's report
  - Select Board has approved 2021 budget request
  - The Financial Advisory Committee reported on its efforts to meet with the Trustees for Public Funds to share the history and past use of the Hogback Endowment, and to inform them about anticipated levels of funding needed in the future. A meeting has been arranged for Jan. 12.
  - Review of the HMCA's own financial assets brought up the question, **How does HMCA make decisions about investing their own funds? Schedule discussion of this topic at a future meeting.**
- Invasives committee update, Jack Widness
  - Committee plans to have report by April HMCA meeting
  - Plan is to have info on the HMCA website
  - Will have management plans on a species-by-species basis, with goals ranging from eradication to simply control, based on perniciousness of the species in question.
  - Nine target species have been identified; **Sarah will share info with Lydia**
  - **Jack will send invitation to next meeting to Lydia.**

- Diana notes overall Management Plan for the entire Conservation Area is available in the HMCA Drop Box. It is over 10 years old. The project to update it is temporarily dormant, but will hopefully be revived this spring.
- Election of officers
  - Nancy will continue as Treasurer/Secretary
  - Pieter - Vice President
  - Non-elected positions include
    - Program (events) coordinator - Jack Widness
    - Kiosk Manager - Francie Marbury is serving in a temporary capacity; **a new Kiosk Manager is needed.**
- Future of HMCA
  - How much do we want to do? **No Annual Meeting this summer**
  - How will we do it? Who will do what?
    - Jack will continue to organize programming - **Eric will send bird band dates to Jack**
    - Interim Presidency - next three meetings
      - April - Jack
      - July - Carol
      - October - Pieter
    - Nancy and Francie will follow up with search for new members and possible new President
    - HPC liaison - what level of HMCA representation is needed at these 6-per-year meetings?
      - Mike Purcell of HPC responded:
        - some level of liaison is needed for HPC to know what HMCA is doing and vice versa
        - written reports could take the place of in-person HMCA attendance at HPC meetings
      - Until new President is elected, HMCA Directors will take turns serving as liaison.
- Adjourn