Brewster Ponds Coalition **1MAY2025; 6:00 - 8:00 PM**
Board of Directors Meeting **Video Conference**

Present: Susan Bridges; Tim Chase; Ron Essig; Karyn Frey; John Keith; Marcia Kielb; Jane Savio (joined at 6:33 PM)
Absent: Rob Condon; Kevin Kearns;
Meeting called to order: 6:03 PM

Standing Topics

1. **Reviewed and approved minutes of the 3 April 2025 Board Meeting**: Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as written; unanimous approval
2. **Confirm and document email votes between Board meetings:** none
3. **Incoming mail:** Mail from Collections Agency (Harris & Harris) regarding taxes
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
   a. Financial statements: Susan presented the financial files, noting that the BPC has $261,241.59 in assets. For the month of April, there were $12094.76 in expenses, and $4948.00 in donations.
   b. Approval of expenses: Motion made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report; unanimous vote in favor of its acceptance.
   c. Discussion about changing the annual membership campaign from August - July to the calendar year

New Business

1. **BOH proposed nitrogen loading regulations revisions:**
   Proposed change to nitrogen levels:
   a) not to exceed 5ppm for new home or resale of homes, triggering replacement of existing systems;
   b) Zone 2 homes; and
   c) everything in Pleasant Bay watershed.
   In the future:
   a) Herring River watershed;
   b) random houses bordering some wetlands; and
   c) potential to include phosphorus.
2. **Pond Studies**
   a) Mapping study: one more session will conclude mapping of the septic systems
   b) Pond studies Susan will continue to work with the Water Resource Task Force to develop a scope of work for the Pond Studies and a list of priority ponds (using John's recommendations from a year ago as a starting point).

Current Priorities

1. **Brewster in Bloom:**
   Parade on Sunday, 4 May
2. **Town Meeting (Monday, 5 May):**
   a) Town Moderator will recognize BPC to will provide details on updated IWRMP, what transpired , and why we are withdrawing our petition,
   b) John will address Water Resources article 10-1-A
   c) Susan will address Citizens Petition Article 18
3. **Other Upcoming events**
   a) Meadowscaping 17 May
   b) Conservation Day 12 July

Committee Reports

1. **Project Update - Phosphorus travel study**

a) Two more samples were taken since last meeting, and another sample will be taken next week
b) Mapping of water flow ongoing
c) Plan to drill 5 more wells closer to the pond (will determine how fast and how far the phosphorus is travelling)
d) More sampling at Darbyshire and Nathanson properties to determine attenuation of phosphorus levels at varying depths

2. **Membership - 2025 Appeal**
   Spreadsheet in Board folder
   Year-to-date: 287 members have donated $63,000
   Last year at this time: 479 members donated $83,000
3. **Scholarship Committee**
   3 applicants; 2 from CC Tech and 1 from Nauset
   All 3 applicants were excellent. Scholarship Committee requested an honorable mention for special compensation for the third candidate
   Motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved to provide a third compensation for $1000
4. **Citizen Science**
   Ron provided updates to the Citizen Science water sampling program
   Will commence the last week in May
   Request for allowance to purchase additional cold packs for sampling approved.

Executive Session: None

Wrap-up:

- Recap decisions, action items, and follow-up assignments
- Next Board Meeting – 5JUNE2025

Meeting adjourned: 7:58 PM

Submitted by: *Karyn Frey, Secretary*