Brewster Ponds Coalition **6MAR2025; 6:00 - 8:00 PM**
Board of Directors Meeting **Video Conference**

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

Standing Topics

1. **Reviewed and approved minutes of the 6 February 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:** letter from Chloe Vouvakis concerning an environmental educational program for children that she is developing and would like to share with the BPC
   1 scholarship application received
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
   a. Financial statements: Rob presented the financial files, noting that the BPC has $ 229180.63 in assets. For the month of February, there were $4614.90 in expenses, and $3750.00 in donations.
   b. Approval of expenses: motion made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report; unanimous vote in favor of its acceptance.
   c. Admin expenses: Admin expenses are distributed among 4 buckets; the majority of costs are communication.
5. **Miscellaneous administrative matters:**
   a. Town Land Evaluation Committee: 5 members have been chosen
   b. Septic Mapping: will begin on 13MAR2025
   c. BCT Strategic Plan: in progress

New Business

1. **Pond Survey:** survey of users of Ponds – BPC is asked to do beta testing of the survey
2. **2025 Pond Guide:** underway. Will be shortened by 4 pages due to the dropping of some larger partner's sponsorship. Will include an article from Chris Miller on the Herring Run/Grist Mill renovations
3. **Spring Newsletter:** underway; rough outline of articles in this month's folder
   Deadline for articles week of 17MAR; will be distributed 28MAR.

Current Priorities

1. **Citizens' Petition:** dates to note
   19MAR - Task Force (Susan & John)
   24MAR – Select Board presentation (all) 6 pm Town Hall
   26MAR – Finance Committee presentation 6:00 Town Hall
   27MAR – CWMP Community Forum (5:30-7 pm Brewster Ladies Library)
   23APR – Town Information Meeting (3- 5:00 pm Brewster Ladies Library)
   26APR – Town Info Meeting (10:00 am to 12:00 pm Police Dept. Community Room)
   26APR – Beautify Brewster
   5MAY – Town Meeting
2. **Pond Summit 5APR2025 "Chemicals of Emerging Concern" 9-11:30 am**
   at Brewster Baptist Church
   a. No live stream, but will record and post
   b. Tom Cambareri (hydrologist) - confirmed
   c. Tom Barr - Deputy Director DPW, Town of Chatham - confirmed

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Committee Reports:

1. **Membership:**
   Spreadsheet in Board folder
   Donations still coming in. Susan has reached out to all business partners and recruited Bob Bullard tol make calls to past donors giving $500 or more that have not yet donated this year..
2. **Phosphorus Travel Study Update:**
   a. Results have been received from 1 of the 3 new wells that were tested 7FEB2025
   b. Show the new well to be right in the middle of the plume – high phosphorus levels
   c. 80 feet down gradient
   d. Drilling 1 new well at each property will occur in April
3. **Pond Pledge:**
   Board reviewed designs and voted for Option 2

4. **Scholarship Committee:** one scholarship application has been received from a CCTech student
5. **Events - Eco Expo:** turnout was good and children enjoyed the "wheel"

6. **Student outreach - NRHS & CCTech**

Executive Session: None

Wrap-up:

- Recap decisions, action items, and follow-up assignments
- Next Board Meeting – 3APR2025

Meeting adjourned: 7:56 PM

Submitted by: *Karyn Frey, Secretary*