

Minutes for November 9, 2023

Larry Maznek called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.

**Attendees:** Present were Larry and Patrice Maznek, Paul and Darlene Johnson, Emi and Cameron Reid, Ian and Mandie Hagan, Robert and Wendy Garland, Sandra Peters, Wade Pelham. Cat Bardwell attended via Zoom.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mandie reported on each of our accounts and balances are as follows:

11/8/23 Get Pumped Account \$1,114.52

11/8/23 Scholarship Account \$2,280.00

11/8/23 Operating Account \$10,495.91

**June Meeting Minutes:** In the absence of a quorum in September, voting was put off. The Minutes were reviewed, Emi Reid made a motion to approve the May meeting Minutes; Paul Johnson seconded this motion, and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*

**October Meeting Minutes:** The October Minutes were reviewed, a correction on attendance was suggested and agreed on and approved. Darlene Johnson made a motion to approve the October meeting Minutes as revised; Larry Maznek seconded this motion and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*

**DES Report:** Wade gave us a recap on the current Rules process, and ongoing DES processes. He answered questions from the members on this.

There was discussion with Wade about groundwater issues and concerns, the towns of Pelham and Allenstown, and current notifications questions between Wade and some of the members.

**Water Council Report:** Larry Maznek reported on the meeting held on 11/8 that they are continuing to follow along with the Rules process and that they are having a green plowing certification if anyone has an interest in that.

**GSOWA:** Larry Maznek that they are putting \$30,000 into a CD at 5% interest. As a side note, Patrice got a letter from the Manchester Wastewater Treatment asking for our opinion on changing their discharge hose from 4" to 6" and looking for our input for suggestions to improve the transfer process. There was some discussion and no suggestions.

**Meeting Locations:** There is no meeting in December. We have scheduled Alan's of Boscawen for January 10, 2024 and the same location for February. Discussion about February meeting

as it falls on Valentine's Day (2/14) and that will be an extremely busy day for Alan's (or any other restaurant.) It was decided that Cat will call Alan's to move the meeting to Tuesday, 2/13. Cat will let us know if that does not work out, and otherwise we'll plan to meet a day early.

**Website update:** Our soft launch process is scheduled for Friday of this week. Discussion on the process may take a "few days" and Rich will let us know when the migration is done. At that point, we will email blast the members to go and review specific items. Further discussion on:

- 1- posting Minutes on revised Website for the current year; in January, we will delete old Minutes and start fresh on a calendar year basis. Our archives will have records of past meetings if such are needed.
- 2 – The new website is being hosted by Heroku. Discuss timing to close out GoDaddy and Word Press and Cat will discuss with Rich.
- Blue Host for the Get Pumped site was set up initially by DES. We haven't experienced a great deal of success with this endeavor. Discussion on migrating it to our website and Darlene will discuss with Rich.
- Discuss changing email from Outlook to Gmail (Outlook is GoDaddy tool and the new Outlook 365 is a difficult mail program to use. Will possibly get disconnected when GoDaddy is terminated. Gmail is much more user friendly) Note: we have a gmail site already; Cat set it up and used it when we were having the GoDaddy problems last spring. It was agreed that Gmail would be the better option for us. Motion made to change our email system to Gmail by Emi Reid; Second made by Darlene Johnson and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*
- It was suggested that online payment for membership dues would be useful. Mandie will check into Venmo and Darlene, Cat and Mandie will facilitate a conversation with Rich Hudson to see if this can be implemented and linked to our website.

### **New Business:**

Mail procedures – PO Box change as voted on in the June meeting – discussion on logistics and process. Cat will proceed with Box change in the next few days and she will take over the mail, freeing up Mandie's time. She will also take care of the deposits, advising Mandie by email of details of deposits and will provide copies of the member information sheets the same way for Mandie's records.

CD Rates – Interest rates have gone up; Mandie proposes we make some moves with our funds to earn additional interest. After discussion, it was decided to move \$6,000 from general checking account to an 18-month, 4.5% CD at Franklin Savings Bank, and Scholarship Funds to a 21-day CD with higher interest. Motion made to transfer funds from General and Scholarship accounts as specified above by Mandie Hagan; Second by Emi Reid and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*

NEW NHASH PHONE NUMBER: 603-619-8868 now operating to replace the number we were having problems with.

OVER DUE DUES: Reminders will be sent out – Cat and Darlene are working on a list and reminder to be sent this month.

INVOICES for 2024 Membership: Darlene and Mandie suggested this at the last meeting. After discussion, it was decided to do both a physical and an email invoice. Cat will send invoices as a separate mailing in both cases so they don't get lost in the shuffle. These should be done in December.

CAREER DAY at Hillsborough Fair Ground in New Boston as discussed at October meeting: Wade gave a recap of what is involved. This is a state wide participation and gives young people career choices in the trades. We would be able to generate more visibility for our industry. It was decided that we should see if any members would volunteer for this in January to be prepared for the event in September. It would be helpful to get some volunteers from our newer members as the long time membership has gotten a bit burned out. New blood will generate new passion, enthusiasm and ideas. If there are no volunteers at the January meeting, this will be put to rest without action.

All business concluded, Darlene Johnson made a **Motion to adjourn** the meeting; Emi Reid seconded, and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cat Bardwell

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