

# **BEAR LAKE WATERSHED ALLIANCE**

## **Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2022**

Present: Dick Graham, Jeff Sanborn, Karen Powers, Phyllis Cowden, Dave Adams, Kathy K., Don Raiff, Linda Schweyer, Kathy Sundbeck, Rich Russell, John Virga.

The meeting was called to order by President, Dick Graham, at 7:04 pm. Dick led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Agenda was approved with the addition of one item concerning an article in the recent issue of the Riparian. The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer, Karen Powers. There was a correction in the proposed budget presented at the Annual Meeting showing a decrease of \$813. Karen also reported that the projected Membership income for the fiscal year is set at \$9800. Jeff Sanborn moved to accept the report as presented; seconded by Phyllis Cowden. Motion passed. Copies of the Annual Meeting Minutes were available; action on their content will be taken at the next Annual Meeting.

### **Old Business**

#### **Wetland Preservation**

Rich Russell reported that several attempts had been made to make contact with the appropriate persons, but has not been successful.. He will attempt to meet in person.

#### **Village Storm Drain**

Dick expressed the need for more direct information on results being conveyed. Test results have been compared to drinking water standards. There is not a set of data to cover collecting from drains. Results, therefore, can be a bit misleading, although no evidence of any situation of concern has been found. Don Raiff asked if the sample results will be on the BLWA website. Dick and Jeff responded that the results would be there if the BLWA acquires a Communication Chair who would be responsible for this task. Don expressed concern for the Ecoli numbers. Dick responded that the results are not from the lake but could be affected by rain run-off into the lake. Ecoli is tested at two locations. Chelsea of the DNR will attempt to put chemical results in a comprehensive and understandable format.

### **New Business**

#### **Spring Social Event (funraiser) and the Fundraiser**

Dick expressed concern that the BLWA has been socially stagnant. It is recommended to set a social event to connect more with the members. Dick also expressed that it would be appropriate to have a fundraiser in 2023. The dates and locations are to be