



PORTAGE LAKE WATERSHED FOREVER
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2016

CALL TO ORDER AT 7PM

PRESENT WERE: REED, SIMONS, HENDRICKS, LENON, T. LAWRENCE, P. LAWRENCE,
TAYLOR, MEISTER, CAPPER, KNOLL

MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING MOVED TO APPROVE BY LENON, 2ND BY MEISTER

FINANCIAL REPORT MOVED TO APPROVE BY LAWRENCE, 2ND BY LENON

BUDGET FOR 2016 FINALIZED AND APPROVED

EDUCATION: EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR REALTORS SET FOR Oct. 2016 sponsored by
Watershed Coalition and Manistee Conservation District

FUNDRAISER - JULY 23, 2016, PAM AND TED ARENS HOME, 5-7 PM

WATER QUALITY/ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING - comparisons to come after Herb studies
progress vs. problems

MEMBERSHIP - 112 members including 42 new and 25 new families

WETLANDS/CRITICAL LAND - need volunteers for coli, ciBioBase, shoreline survey. Reed will
contact Kevin Hughes and Pat Bentley for volunteer help. Kayla is working one grant
request for macro invertebrate stream monitoring twice a year in spring and fall.
Volunteers are needed if the grant is funded.

2016 TIMELINE/CALENDAR APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to do swimmers' itch research in PL at 2 points for a cost of \$1500. There is a need to
review 2015 Lake Management report for comparison data.

Arbor Day will be May 7, 2016 in Onekama Village Park

Reed encouraged attendance at webinars. Reed will renew subscriptions to Riparian.

Langland bids go out soon.

DNR wants Township to take over the kayak launch at annual cost of 5-7,000 per yr.

Onekama beach clean-up scheduled for May 14, 2016.

Hazard waste date is August 20, 2016

No plan to replant dying trees in North Point Park

Need to update Watershed plan by 2018.

Speak with Josh Shields about aerial monitoring. N.b. At the ISN meeting a company gave a
presentation on drones doing this type of work.

THE BIGGEST OAK TREE AROUND HERE IS IN BACK OF 1, MOMA'S PIZZA.

NEXT MEETING IS March 29, 2016 AT 7PM at the Farr Center.

Respectfully Submitted

B. Capper