

**Winnisquam Watershed Network
Board of Directors Meeting
November 5, 2018**

5:00 pm Lisa Eggleston calls meeting to order.

In attendance were: Judy, Tony, Lisa E. Terry, Ed, Lynne and Dean.

Absent were: Lisa M. and Tom

October Minutes - were accepted and approved. Judy asked that Lisa E. forward copies of previous minutes to be posted on the WWN website. **Treasurer** – Ed reported a balance of \$13,879.87 with accounts receivable including: NH state milfoil match, Belmont and Laconia milfoil invoices. There were also accounts payables not included in the above balance.

Ed will do a summary of expenses for 2018 milfoil management including the outstanding bills and invoices. He will keep a separate accounting of milfoil funds.

Milfoil - Solitude treated approximately 19.5 acres with herbicides. Following treatment, lake water was determined to be clean for all uses. The milfoil in the northern end of the lake was determined to have 85% of the milfoil removed. As part of the 2018 plan, Solitude will use the new herbicide to treat the milfoil near Jay's Marina. This treatment will take place in Spring or early Summer.

Once Solitude sends its report to Lisa E., she will forward it to the municipalities fronting on the lake.

The question of why the amount of milfoil has increased in Sun Ray Shores was discussed and the cause was suggested to be erosion in the area. The solution to this problem was not to dredge but instead to reduce the amount of erosion.

Lisa E. has received Amy Smagula's recommended plan for next year that included a switch to an alternative herbicide that will not require the same water use restrictions as this year. Amy will do a follow-up survey of the remaining milfoil in the Spring and will then send out a revised plan.

Lisa has sent the current plan for bids from contractors and bids are due in December.

Quarterly Report of WWN Activities – Lisa E. will prepare and circulate a report of activities by the activities for members and the public. Topics to be discussed include: water quality data, milfoil management, weedwatcher findings, and grants received and how they were used.

Membership - Approximately 200 post cards have not been used this year so they will be sent out in the Spring. This year's mailings have recently resulted in about a dozen new members.

Ed will send Lisa E. an updated membership list.

Website – A new website is being created by Tom, Judy and Lynne and Ryan Waldron, a WWN member who has offered to help. The new home page is interactive. The new website will be ready for review in approximately two months. All existing data and information will be transferred to the new site.

Business Sponsorships –Meredith Whole Living Center and Meredith Village Savings Bank are our only business sponsors so far, although numerous other businesses have expressed interest in being sponsors including: Winnisquam Marine, Lobster Connection, Silver Lake Association, Sun Ray Shores and others. Ed will keep track of any monies that are received for such sponsorships and will report them to Lisa E.

In the Spring, additional business sponsorships will be sought.

Grants – The New England Grassroots grant activities have been completed so Lisa E. will draft a report reporting such. WWN will prepare another grant to this organization when a project is identified.

Focus will be placed on preparing a brochure that was funded by monies from NH Charitable Association.

Lisa E. has been in conversations with Belknap County Conservation District regarding a grant opportunity to work with Trout Unlimited to reclaim a river in the WWN area. BCCD and Trout Unlimited recently completed a similar project on Poor Farm Brook in Gunstock. One candidate stream in WWN watershed is Black Brook where construction activities have resulted in significant erosion and sedimentation which has damaged the alewife fishery in that brook.

WWN will support BCCD's efforts to host stream restoration workshops in January and February.

Other Information – Lynne asked how to pay for milfoil work in Ephraim's Cove in Belmont. After a cost estimate is developed Lynne will take to the Town to solicit their payment for work. Lynne suggested that we contact Ephraim's Cove Association to see if they would be will to pay for the milfoil treatment. WWN needs to explain what work will be done in the cove so the association understands why we are soliciting funds.

Lisa E. also mentioned that the milfoil money should be considered one large pool that can be used to fund work throughout the lake, as the entire lake stands to

benefit from our control efforts. For instance, Sanbornton contributed \$5,000 to this year's milfoil work, but only a small amount of the work was performed in that Town. Laconia also contributed more money than their share of the work. WWN needs to be soliciting funds from municipalities now as they are building their budgets for 2019. While we need to be careful not to be seen as "making money" on the milfoil program (e.g. taking in more money than we spend) it is also important to build a reserve fund to handle flare-ups in growth or more costly herbicides.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Anson II
Secretary