

**Winnisquam Watershed Network
Board of Directors Meeting
April 15, 2019**

5:00 pm Lisa Eggleston calls meeting to order. On the phone were: Lisa E., Judy, Tom, Ed, Tony, Lynne and Dean.

Treasurer's Report - Account balance is \$11,631.33. We have not yet received the 2018 milfoil money from Laconia.

2019 Milfoil Program - The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has prepared a recommended 2019 milfoil management plan and the WWN has obtained bids for implementation of the plan. The estimated cost of implementation of the plan is \$46,000. WWN has applied for and obtained a grant from NHDES for 25% of the costs, or about \$11,600. The following dollar amounts have been pledged by municipalities on the lake:

Belmont \$2,500-\$3,000 (final amount pending)

Meredith \$7,500

Sanbornton \$5,000

Tilton \$2,000 (rollover from last year, additional funds may be available

Laconia \$5,000- \$7,500 (final amount pending)

With the grant funds from NHDES (\$11,600) this totals between \$33,600 and \$36,600, so WWN needs to raise the rest of the estimated \$46K cost to manage milfoil this year. Lynne and Jim Chapman will approach Winnisquam Marine to obtain a contribution to support milfoil management.

On May 1, Silver Lake Association will meet with Belmont Conservation Commission to discuss the confusion about the difference between milfoil work by SLA and WWN. Lynne has had discussions with the ConCom and Ed will attend the meeting to discuss how Belmont wants to divide the milfoil funds between the two organizations.

Tom said that Town of Tilton wants Silver Lake milfoil to be addressed also, although not necessarily as part of the WWN's efforts. Lisa said that WWN's milfoil plan does not include work in Silver Lake. WWN would need more volunteers and money to address milfoil in that lake. It was also pointed out that Silver Lake is downstream of Winnisquam and not part of the Winnisquam Watershed.

The Town of Belmont also wants local neighborhood associations to make contributions toward milfoil management to help defray the Town's cost.

Abutters lists have been received for Meredith and Belmont as required for the use of herbicides. The list includes residents of Efram's Cove. Tom will work with Tilton to get their abutters list.

Weed watcher training has been scheduled for June 1st from 9-11 at the community room at Franklin Savings Bank in Tilton.

NHDES will host VRAP training on May 4th, and VLAP training on May 18th.

Lake Host – It was agreed by the BOD that WWN would take over management of the Lake Host program at the Laconia ramp. As a “new” Lake Host organization NH Lakes agreed to contribute \$1,000 toward the Lake Host pay for 2019. Dean agreed to approach the Laconia Conservation Commission to help provide additional funds to pay for the lake host, as the estimated cost for a worker would be \$3,000. The estimated pay rate is \$11 per hour per NH Lakes.

In the event that Laconia cannot commit sufficient funds to pay for the Lake Host, the BOD voted that the WWN would pay up to \$2,000 to fund the Lake Host program out of our accrued funds.

Dean will coordinate Lake Hosts at the ramp, NH Lakes will process payroll and insurance. Dean will request that Deb Williams do Lake Host training. Deb has agreed to assist Dean in interviewing and selecting Lake Hosts.

Fundraising – Funds raised by WWN will be placed in our general fund as opposed to specifically dedicated funds (e.g. for milfoil, lake host, etc.) If we want to solicit funds specifically to support the lake host program on Winnisquam, NH Lakes can administer such a fund.

Belmont County Conservation District is submitting a grant application for stream restoration work on Black Brook in Sanbornton. It was agreed that Lisa E. will prepare a letter of support for the application on behalf of the WWN.

Lisa E. reported that the grant funds we obtained last year from NH Charitable Foundation, Pardoe Foundation, and New England Grassroots have now been expended, the projects completed and final reports submitted. The WWN may want to pursue additional grant funds to conduct an assessment of wastewater disposal systems on the lake, and/or for a demonstration project on stormwater management. Dean will talk to LRPC about partnering on an application for the former.

The 2019 WWN Annual Meeting will be held on July 27th at the Belmont town beach, from 9-11. Dean will confirm with the Town of Belmont.

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for May 13th at 5 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted:

Dean Anson II
Secretary