

**Winnisquam Watershed Network
Board of Directors Meeting
June 3, 2019**

5:00 pm Lisa Eggleston, Ed, Tom, Tony, Judy, Terry, Lisa M. were present and Lynne, Jim C., and Dean participated by phone.

Treasurer's Report -\$15,035.82 in bank.

Lake Hosts – Dean will ask Krystal from NH Lakes to invoice Laconia for the \$1,000 committed by the Laconia Conservation Commission.

Terry has two neighbors who are 16 and 18 years old who may be interested in being Lake Hosts.

Lakes Congress – Attendees included Lisa E., Lisa M., Ed and Dean. They reported that the sessions were very informative and it was a great opportunity to network with other lake associations.

Lisa said that one lake association held a training program for landscapers on measures to protect lake water quality, and then provided homeowners with a list of “trained” landscapers. Belknap Landscaping was present at NH Lakes Congress.

Membership - One idea Lisa got from a session at Lakes Congress was to assemble a welcome bag with information about our organization to be distributed to new residents moving into the neighborhoods around the lake. Perhaps coordinate with realtors. WWN Board members could also distribute packets ourselves when new neighbors move in.

Another idea was to remind new members that their employers may match their contributions to WWN. A check box for matching gifts will be added to the membership form.

The Board also discussed whether social events such as a picnic or fishing derby would help to increase membership.

Ed is updating the membership list and will add cellphone number column on membership form so people can be contacted. Jim C. volunteered to contact people to encourage people to renew their membership.

Lisa E will do an email blast and Facebook post reminding people about the June membership drive and drawing – several people signed up after the initial post.

Fisheries – The BOD discussed the need to learn more about the current state of Winnisquam’s fisheries. Lisa M. will contact John McGee of NH Fish and Game and Tony will get information about state stocking of fish. Perhaps offering fishing derby

sponsors volunteer support by WWN members would engage the fishing community and raise awareness for WWN.

Annual Meeting – Notification of Annual Meeting will be sent out next month.

The Board agreed that it would be nice to provide a speaker at our annual meetings in the future as a way to generate interest. The business portion of the meeting would need to be kept short to allow more time for discussions with speaker and amongst attendees. The Board agreed to avoid boater safety discussions as an annual meeting topic but talked about various subjects (e.g. fishery status) that might be of broad interest.

Cyanobacteria - Lisa E. will contact the NHDES cyanobacteria expert who is doing a training for Wentworth Association to see if we should be sampling for cyanobacteria. We had planned to sample it last year but NHDES had problems with the lab analyses.

Milfoil –Amy Smagula of DES will do an updated survey of Winnisquam in early summer to finalize the management plan. SOLitude plans to do the chemical treatment at Jay's Marina will take place in July/August. There was a mixup in getting the list of abutters for Tilton so permitting was delayed. Amy may be able to get them to move the date up. Last year's treatment was canceled because of the restaurant that was operating at Jay's. That restaurant has since closed. Also the herbicide proposed for use this year does not have the same use restrictions.

Funding from Belmont for milfoil management will be requested by Ed and Lynne at the upcoming Conservation Commission meeting. There has been confusion between WWN and Silver Lake Association as to who is addressing milfoil management. Tilton and Belmont have both been contacted by both organizations for funding. Monies contributed to WWN should not be used to treat Silver Lake as they are separate entities and Silver Lake is not in our watershed.

Sanbornton will contribute monies to WWN in August and Meredith's contribution has been approved in their town budget.

Dean is finalizing the Laconia contribution.

Business Sponsorships - Jim C. talked with Winnisquam Marine and they donated \$500 to WWN. Lisa E. will develop a plaque to recognize their support.

Terry has talked with the Lobster Connection and Winnisquam Market on several occasions but will follow up. She will also contact Jay's Marine, Shaws Supermarket, Winnisquam Point Marine and local dentist, Berkshire-Hathaway, Dunkin Donuts, Citizen's Bank, the car wash and Piches.

Tom will follow up with Lakes Region Dock.

Tony will talk with Lakes Region Docks and Appletree Nursery.

Lisa E. will contact Osborne's Agway and Trailer Outlet.

Judy will contact NE Fiberglass and Martels.

Ed will contact Better Homes Realtor.

Dean will contact Coldwell Banker.

Sponsors will be identified on a banner at our annual meeting.

Website – Tom said the website development is still in process. Tom and Judy are discussing link ups and other changes. Lisa E. will send the brochure text to Judy for the section on stewardship.

Judy said that the sponsorships page has last year's sponsors so it will be updated.

Judy will input a statement on the home page that June is membership month and will list the prizes associated with membership. She will create a link between the home page and membership application.

Black Brook Stream Assessment – Terry and Lisa M will work with Donna Hepp of Belknap County Conservation District to get more information out regarding what the project is attempting to accomplish and try to address property owners' concerns.

Stewardship Brochure – The Board discussed distributing the brochures via neighborhood associations. Brochures have also been placed in Winnisquam Marine, Lobster Connection and Winnisquam Market. Board members will seek to place them at other businesses they approach about business sponsorships.

Next meeting is on July 1st at Tom's house.