

**Winnisquam Watershed Network
Board of Directors Meeting
July 1, 2019**

5:00 pm Lisa Eggleston, Ed, Tony, Judy, Jim C., Terry, Lisa M., Lynne, Tom, Bob Day and Dean

All current BOD members will stay on the board and Bob Day wants to join BOD. Lynne may know someone in Tilton who would be interested in joining the board. Judy and Tom suggested asking Sue Masse, who has been helping with the website.

The June membership drive got 33 members signing up, including 6 new members. Some current members renewed at a higher level of membership.

Treasurer's Report - Current bank balance is \$24,534.22 according to Ed. Lisa E. and Ed will develop the 2020 budget for distribution at the annual meeting.

Lake Hosts - NH Lakes has granted WWN \$1,200 to pay for Lake Hosts at the NH Fish & Game ramp on Water Street in Laconia. In addition, Laconia Conservation Commission has committed \$1,000 to pay for Lake Hosts. The City of Laconia has been invoiced for that amount by NH Lakes. Lake Hosts should be at least 18 years old and two are needed for this ramp. Dean is working on interviewing and hiring lake hosts. In addition, WWN must have volunteer hours equal to the salaries of the Lake Hosts to match the NH Lakes grant.

Milfoil - Amy Smagula (NHDES) has not surveyed the lake yet to determine where milfoil may have spread since the end of last year, but will be doing so shortly. Lisa E reported that there appears to be less milfoil in the northern part of the lake.

WWN's goal is to continue to educate people about milfoil.

Lynne and Ed will go to the Belmont Conservation Commission meeting and request money to support milfoil management by DASH efforts. Invoices for \$7,500 each were sent to Laconia and Meredith. Tom will ask Tilton to support our efforts, also. Sanbornton has committed \$5,000 to be paid in August. Sun Ray Shores will continue to provide financial support.

Herbicide treatment will be undertaken at Jay's Marina in August. Herbicide will also be applied in Ephraim's Cove and at the northern end of the lake.

Water Quality - Two rounds of VLAP sampling have been performed so far this year with the next round scheduled for July 22nd. Lisa E. volunteered to do the near shore sampling. Tributary sampling will be performed by Lisa E. Bob, Judy and Dean.

Watershed Management Plan - Lisa E. and Dean met with Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) to discuss preparing a Section 319 grant application to NHDES. The lead agent was not decided. The discussion of using FB Environmental (NHDES's preferred contractor) to do a windshield survey and initial assessment of the lake to identify problems in the lake. Based the findings of the survey, a plan could be developed for improving lake water quality.

Some years ago, a subwatershed plan was developed for Black Brook, the next step in the plan has not been taken.

A grant to develop a watershed plan would require matching funds from the applicant. Match could include the hours spent doing VLAP and VRAP sampling.

Letters of support from Conservation Commissions and local marinas and stakeholders would be helpful to support our grant application.

Cyanobacteria- Amanda McQuade of NHDES is responsible for the cyanobacteria program in the state. Lisa E asked her about sampling for cyanobacteria and she suggested that Winnisquam be part of the bloom watch program.

Annual Meeting – There are no bylaw changes this year. The annual budget and slate of officers and new board members will be discussed and voted on at the meeting. The meeting will be held at Leslie Roberts Beach in Belmont unless it rains then it will be held at Mallards Landing.

An announcement of the annual meeting will be placed on the website and Facebook page.

Jim C. will supply donuts and coffee.

Business Sponsorships – Numerous businesses have been approached to be business sponsors with most being non-committal except Winnisquam Marine and Meredith Whole Living.

Lisa E. has spoken about WWN at Sanbornton Bay Association and Winnisquam Beach.

Stream Restoration – Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD) and Trout Unlimited are attempting to do a project on Black Brook but are meeting resistance getting access from some local residents. BCCD is preparing a press release about the project with a meeting date to educate the public.

Website – Judy and Tom are learning how WWN can modify the website in the future. The watershed management planning efforts will be added to the website in the future.

Tee Shirts – A sample of the tee shirt design was discussed and accepted. The BOD voted for Lisa E. to have approximately \$300 worth of various size shirts made up for sale at the annual meeting. Shirts will be sold at a cost of \$15 each.

The next meeting will be held at Tony's house at 30 Black Brook Road on August 12th.