

Winnisquam Watershed Network
Board of Directors Meeting
January 3, 2022

Present: Lisa Eggleston, Chuck Mitchell, Tom Camp, Ed Stephenson, Tony Carita, Dean Anson, Kath Keen, Judy Hughes, Bob Day, Dick Tracy and Cynthia O'Connell.

Treasurer's report, Ed presented monthly treasurers report. NH Charitable 10K and Moose Grant 8K were received and deposited.

November meeting minutes accepted.

Lisa read off list of donations received, noting the ones that were in excess of \$500.00 so that board members could thank them in person if they know them. Jim offered his 2K matching donation, which WWN will bring up in the spring as a way to raise funds for Lake Host.

Lisa and Ed discussed to date \$1,192.50 paid to Cynthia and \$5,059.00 paid to Melissa from the Mooseplate Grant fund. WWN allocated \$12,000 total for staff assistance for 2022, \$6,800 of which would come from the Mooseplate Grant. Melissa has about 10 more hours of work left. Cindy is helping Lisa with drafting the 319 Grant, which they hope to wrap up in 2 weeks and deliver to the State of NH. Money should be available in May. Project will hire engineering firm to design best management practices for the projects in Laconia, Sanbornton and Deer Park. Lisa will reach out to DES to discuss matching funds and how to use them when paying Cindy. Board agreed to defer budget revisions to a later meeting.

2022 Milfoil treatment should be done with just divers, 30 days, bid was \$21,000 with Aqualogic. The State of NH will reimburse 50%. We hope that towns will continue to assist with payment, what is not used for milfoil WWN hopes to use for Lake Host program. Meredith, Laconia and Sanbornton put funds in their 2022 budget. Tilton and Belmont will only do reimbursement for milfoil treatment.

2022 summer events, we need to follow up with Belknap Mill to see if they host can Loon preservation committee presentation. Dean spoke with Tara at Belknap Mill, she suggested we go through the Laconia Library they have more funding available. Lisa noted that the only funding needed is rental fee for location. June 21, 28, 29, July 6 or 7 are dates available for presentation. Lisa asked Dean to check with Tara for those dates, and what the cost would be and will Putnam funds be available to assist. Lisa will reach out to Lake Opechee to see if they will join us. Lisa noted that starting this year Loon preservation is putting out floating nest on Winnisquam and Opechee. Arlene at Deer Park Association is looking into allowing the guided tour to launch from their beach, at least one resident expressed concern that some may think they can launch from there at any time.

Fundraising concert, with band, is looking for date and venue. Lisa reached out to member of Mallards Landing who will check on the status of Birch Hall. We discussed Lobster Connection but we are not sure what his liquor and venue license status will be this summer. The band normally will play then pass the hat for donations. Best suggestion may be to have it at a location with a liquor license, allow the venue to sell food and beverage. With a cover charge to raise funds. Bob brought up Laconia Rod & Gun club as possible venue. Dean noted that VFW is right next to Lake Opechee.

Strategic planning, Lisa asked Tom to think about next steps.

Lisa asked Dean to pick up apparel from Belmont printer and deliver to Dawn.

Dean asked for an estimate on number of hours for Lake Host for summer 2022. Board agreed to at least do the same number of hours as 2021. Board agreed to see how much funding we receive to determine if we can increase Lake Host pay. Dean will reach out to assure that Deb and Barbara (last year's lake hosts) remain interested in Lake Host in 2022.

Dean met with representative of Rowell's. Last year Rowell's sent out an ad to get people around Webster Lake to have their septic tank emptied. Rowell's indicated that the water quality in Webster Lake improved. Lisa noted that while septic waste has not been identified in the management plan as a primary problem with Winnisquam pollutants 50% of the lake is on septic so it's a good idea to encourage people to maintain them. Dean noted that he got a \$25 discount from Rowell's for signing up under Rowell's lake program. Tony asked if neighborhood associations would team up with WWN to promote a septic program. Lisa mentioned that Scott Powell with Lake Wicwas association may be interested noting that property around Lake Wicwas are all septic systems.

Judy asked about getting some pamphlets to hand out to new residents and others. Lisa asked for permission to have more printed, which the board agreed. Cost is about \$300 to \$400.

Chuck brought up the sale of the Anchorage that the new owners are looking to build condos that there appears to be conversation taking place between Tilton land use and other town officials. Chuck noted that there would need to be a change in town ordinance for condo's to be built, which he has not seen or heard about. Chuck will keep a look out and let board know if he hears of a move to change the ordinance. Tony asked about Lord Hampshire and/or Winnisquam Shores applying for more mooring fields. Tony noted that the recent rulings indicate that the State is not loosening up and appear not be granting request. Judy noted that she has seen the area of Lower Bay increase the number of docks.

Lisa asked for a vote to accept Milfoil grant, which the board agreed to.

Meeting adjourned 6:37 PM