

Winnisquam Watershed Network

Board of Directors Meeting

January 4, 2021

Meeting Opened @ 5:30 PM (EST)

Meeting Adjourned @ 6:47 PM (EST)

Attendees by Phone or Zoom: Lisa Eggleston, Ed Stephenson, Jim Chapman, Katherine Keen, Robert Day, Tom Camp, Dick Tracy, Dean Anson, Judy Hughes Lisa Morin, Chuck Mitchell and Tony Carita.

November meeting minutes approved without revision.

Ed and Lisa E. reported that WWN received an additional \$1,615.00 in donations after Lisa E. sent out the December 18, 2020, letter, bringing the total end of year donation to \$2,700.00 which will be used for the Lake Host program. Several donations were in the amount of \$125.00 which is a one day cost for Lake Host. Lisa E. sent email to Jay's Marina, whom we have not heard from yet. Received 20 renewal memberships. Jim, Katherine, Judy, Chuck, Ed and Dick offered to send personal thank you notes to anyone who made a donation. Lisa will post list to Google docs for people to sign up. Jim asked about reaching out to those who did not renew. Jim's cousin informed him that the Merry Meeting Lake Association lost several members this year, unknown why. Jim stressed the importance of sending personal letters or notes. Tom noted that letters are ready to go in Little Green Light. Tom pointed out that he needs PayPal info, grant info, businesses etc. to input into Little Green Light. Lisa E & Ed will get him that info. Tom will train Lisa E. and Ed on how to use Little Green Light. Ed will no longer need to input info into excel. Ed will check with Bank of NH to see about getting a WWN credit card for use for recurring charges like Little Green Light. Tom stated the credit card is necessary unfortunately there is a 1% cost associated with it.

Lisa E. noted that Watershed Management planning team kickoff meeting is scheduled for later this week, January 6, 2021. She will meet with EPA stakeholders and Laura Diemer with FB Environmental. Lisa E. will send copy of final contract to the Board. There will be a virtual public workshop to explain WMP in the late spring and WWN will play a role in coordinating that. Jim asked if the identification/purchase of land for conservation will be part of the WMP. Lisa said that it will not, though it is likely to be a recommendation and is something that the WWN can get rolling on. Dean suggested using Lake Region Trust to help with that. Dean pointed out that septic survey was completed in Laconia, WWN will need to help provide the septic data for the other four towns. This is a task that the intern we're hiring can help with, we may also be able to solicit volunteers willing to research. The State of NH may be able to supply some info. WWN/Intern will also need to find out what ordinances each town has in place to protect the lake from pesticides, road salt and erosion control requirements and to identify existing erosion problem areas like the issue with Black Brook Road and the storm drain issue at the end of Gale Road in Laconia.

Lisa E. noted that we have the Moose License Plate Grant that will allow for 400 hours annually for the next two years. Discussion took place on a \$15.00 to \$17.00 an hour wage with the majority of the work being done April to September with some possible work completed during the school year. WWN is

responsible for \$1,000.00 match. Goal is to find a self-driven, independent person in the environmental field. UNH, PSU and LRCC were mentioned as possible locations to find the right person. Dean stated that "Nature Groupie" is another resource. Dean suggested that we speak with Donna Hepp with Belknap Conservation Committee, she may be able to assist.

The BOD spent the next 1.5 hrs discussing strategic planning, specifically the WWN's current mission/role, who our customers are, what services do we currently provide, are there services that we don't currently provide that we should consider. Lisa E. will compile & consolidate responses/discussion notes for further review at our next meeting.

Next meeting February 1, 2021, at 5:30.