

Winnisquam Watershed Network

Board of Directors Meeting

February 1, 2021

Meeting Opened @ 5:30 PM PM (EST)

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:28 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, and Chuck Mitchell.

January Meeting Minutes approved.

Ed presented treasurers report. Balance \$53,364.61 in bank account and \$249.59 in PayPal. Lisa E. noted that family and friends of David Ellsworth, have donated \$247.00 to date in his memory. The Ellsworth family owns a home on Collins Brook Road, Meredith. David loved fishing and the Lake, so the family asked for donations to be made to WWN in the name of David. Dick noted that the Ellsworth are two houses north of him and he recalled seeing David fishing a lot. Lisa E will let the family know who made donations and the Ellsworth family will follow up with thank you cards. Tom pointed out that the donors will be listed as constituents in LGL in order to track donations, but will be listed in a separate honorarium section.

Lisa E. recommended several revisions to the WWN's 2021 budget since we have firmer numbers on the milfoil program now than we did in July. We also obtained the Mooseplate grant to cover several expenditures. The board agreed on the attached revised budget.

Jim asked what it would cost to have a full time Lake Host program. Dean estimated the cost for 16 weeks with 7-days a week to be approximately \$18,000. 5-days a week would cost about \$12,000. Jim stated that he is willing to do a \$1,000.00 match in hopes of raising more money for the Lake Host program. The board appreciates his offer stating they would take that up in the near future and determine how best to use it to generate additional funds. Bob asked if it would be worth doing Lake Host training for the staff at Winnisquam and Jays Marina. The Board felt that might be a good idea. Dean noted that lake host training is about one hour. Discussion took place that if we fall just short and are not able to raise enough money to have a full time lake host program we could look for volunteers to do a few 4 or 8 hour shifts to make up the difference.

Lisa E. introduced our intern, Melissa Macheras, who will be helping with outreach and education associated with the watershed plan. She is completing her Masters in Environmental Science and Policy at Plymouth State University and has a desire to work in the environmental field. Each board member introduced themselves and offered her support.

Lisa E heard that the Anchorage sold and the new owners are not renewing boat slip rentals. Chuck stated he would try to confirm that information.

Discussion took place on the 2-year SCC 2021 Moose Plate Grant for \$19,600, which includes a commitment for \$2,000 in matching funds from WWN (\$1,000/year) plus in-kind donations. Dean made

a motion to authorize Lisa E to execute the Grant Agreement, Bob seconded, all were in favor. The Grant Agreement will require Governor and Executive Council approval at a meeting later this spring. The Intern's tasks under the grant will be split into two assignments for the first year, which is beneficial to WWN so we don't have to wait until the end of the year to receive reimbursement. Bob asked if we would be reimbursed for work completed by Melissa prior to April 1, 2021. Lisa E. stated that she has confirmed with the Grant Administrator that that work would be eligible.

Lisa E. reminded us that the Mooseplate grant also includes \$8,000.00 for Trout Unlimited to conduct stream crossing assessments. Trout Unlimited hopes to finish 40 unassessed stream crossings that have been identified by the project team sometime this spring. Lisa E. noted that whatever is not completed, the NHDES wetlands group has said they can assess this summer. Lisa E. pointed out that some of the streams being evaluated flow into Lakes Wicwas and Opechee.

Discussion took place on the 2021 NHDES Invasive Species Management Grant, which provides 40% reimbursement of costs up to \$8,040. Lisa E. noted that there is no commitment that we use all of it. Chuck made a motion to authorize Lisa to accept the grant, which was seconded by Bob, all approved.

Lisa E. noted that Melissa (intern) and other board members will participate in the monthly Watershed Based Plan (WBP) meeting on 2/2/21, then meet with 7 Conservation Committees that are part of our watershed. Inquiry was made as to what are the two towns that don't abut Lake Winniquam. Lisa E. responded New Hampton and Gilford.

The board agrees that the Watershed Management plan needs to include a recommendation for land conservation. Lisa E. pointed out that towns do not always like to see land and property come off their tax roll.

Tom's goal is to have LGL fully operational in 60-days. Tom's immediate goals include Mailchimp integration, setting up the honorarium page, forms section, and volunteer weed watchers program. All agreed that any donation of \$100 or more should get a hand written and/or verbal thank you in addition to the email acknowledgement. LGL will identify annual membership reminders. The plan calls for the reminder to go out one year from the date of their most recent donation or membership fee. We don't want someone to make a donation then get a reminder that their membership is due. Donations and membership will be treated the same as one.

Lisa E. & Judy brought the board up to date on our website and the issues we are having. Sue Masse has suggested we migrate to another platform, which Lisa E., Judy and Tom support.

The board agreed it was too late to hold strategic meeting tonight. Lisa E. stated she will send out a poll to see how the board wishes to proceed with respect to Strategic planning.

Lisa E. encouraged the board to look at the Donor Interest Analysis prepared by Tom.

NH Lakes sent out info that there is hearing scheduled for 2/3/21 on wake boats. First step is to identify what a wake boat is. Lisa E. pointed out that boat dealers are completely against any legislation governing wake boats to include even defining what one is.

Ed stated he will get certificate of authority notarized and mailed to Lisa on 2/2/21.

Next meeting scheduled for 3/15/21, there were too many conflicts the first two weeks.