

Winnisquam Watershed Network
Board of Directors Meeting
March 15, 2022

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

Treasurer's report, Ed presented monthly treasurers report, currently have a balance of \$81,369.94. Ed and Lisa working on resolving an issue from last year involving income matching up with Little Green Light. We received two donations this year via PayPal but the names are not showing up in LGL. We presently do not have any outstanding bills. We do have an issue with the IRS and reportable income. IRS fined WWN \$2,854.75 for a late tax filing, there seems to be some confusion or miscommunication. Lisa reached out to an IRS representative to discuss. The representative indicated that we should be able to work this out and strongly encouraged WWN to use electronic filing in the future. As a non-profit the IRS is not requiring WWN to pay taxes, however WWN needs to report income over \$60,000 annually, which requires a different form, 990EZ. The Board agreed to have Chuck Woodard (Lisa's husband), a retired financial professional, do the tax filings going forward.

Lisa noted that WWN also needs to file our annual report with NH Attorney General's Charitable Trust Unit.

Insurance renewal is due, \$1,773.75.

Sue Massey discovered that Ocean View Publishing continued to bill us \$20 a month even though we stopped using their services - that has now been taken care of.

Annual budget to be discussed at next month's meeting.

Meeting minutes from last month accepted.

Lisa updated the board on the 319 grant. No more than \$125,000 for the three projects, WWN responsible for 40%. Lisa met with Deer Park Board of Directors to discuss a match of \$1,500 towards that project. RFQ started this spring, hope to have design and permit by the fall then put the project out to bid. Lisa would like to approach Belknap Landscaping to see about material donation. Tony reminded us that landscapers are having a difficult time finding labor, expressed concern about receiving reasonable bids for the project. Lisa pointed out that the Laconia and Sanbornton projects will be constructed by the towns.

Lake Host Grant application is due 3/28/2022, pre-approved for \$3,500.00. Last year the grant was for \$2,500 +15% for benefits. Dean stated that Barbara and Debra are available to work as Lake Host this year once school is done. Calina's sister, Lisa is available for data entry. Jim offered a \$2,000 match towards fundraising for the Lake Host program. Last year WWN spent about \$13,000 on Lake Host. WWN may need to set up a volunteer schedule to cover until Barb and Deb are available. Apparently Lake Opechee (the Messer St launch) did not have a Lake Host last year, Laconia Con Com is looking to man it this year. Discussion took place about offering education to private boat launches. With the increase of rental property on the Lake with more boat traffic, this is an area of concern. Dean will check with NH Lakes about signage for some of the private boat launch locations.

VRAP Tributary report from last year just came in, the pH level on Winnisquam remains high. The Huber Brook tributary in Belmont remains high.

Judy is looking to update the management plan info on the website. Lisa hopes to have more information on the plan by May.

Ed and Dick will continue with VLAP testing on the lake this summer.

Lisa will check on whether volunteer time can go towards matching funds for the 219 grant.

Lake Smart in a friendly manner seeing if homeowners on the lake are willing to do a self-assessment or request an inspection of their property and accept education on how to protect the lake. Dean and Lisa pointed out that the inspections are positive and friendly. Dean will check with the Dupaks who know a lot of people on Leighton Ave and Tony suggested approaching the various associations around the lake about using Lake Smart.

LPC to have a presentation at Belknap Mill, hosted by Laconia Con Com and WWN to take place in July. LPC would like to conduct a kayak paddle tour of the lake. Discussion with Deer Park about launching from their beach, some members expressed concern that people will see this as an opportunity to launch from there on a regular basis. Lisa asked Tom and Dick to look for a backup plan in the north end of the lake.

Discussion took place about August 6 fundraiser with a band. Locations for consideration, Grange Hall in Meredith, Jay's Marina, Laconia Rod & Gun, Lake View Golf Course, Lake Port Opera House and other locations. Jim expressed concern about cost of insurance, especially if alcohol is served. Thought is to bring people together for a social event, with food, music and identify a location with a liquor license for a cash bar.

Cindy provided legislative updates. The wake board matter has been tabled. The move to abolish the speed limit on Lake Winnepesaukee is going through committee. DES is on board with a bill dealing with cyanobacteria and identifying a solution is being discussed.

Lisa informed us that Belknap County did not get 319 grant for the Huse Road engineering work but are working with our consultants to provide more detailed info on the problem.