

Winnisquam Watershed Network

Board of Directors Meeting

April 5, 2021

Meeting Opened @ 5:30 PM PM (EST)

Meeting Adjourned @ 6:40PM (EST)

Attendees by Phone or Zoom: Lisa Eggleston, Jim Chapman, Robert Day, Ed Stephenson, Judy Hughes, Tom Camp, Dick Tracy, Dean Anson, Jeff Caira, and Chuck Mitchell.

March Meeting Minutes approved. Chuck forwarded one correction to the meeting minute's draft, stating that the Town of Tilton dedicated 5K to milfoil treatment but not necessarily to the WWN. Used on Silver Lake as well.

Treasurer's report, Ed reports that current balance is \$54,640.85, includes PayPal that came in today. We currently have a PayPal balance of \$589.13. Lisa stated that we got 7 additional donations for a total of \$724.00. Lisa sent out another request through Facebook page today asking for more donations to support Lake Host program. Lisa shared that information with other groups on Winnisquam, we got a \$500 and a \$100 donation today. We are getting our message out there.

LGL is working well, when people donate all information is automatically updated as well as in Mailchimp. With Jim's donation and assuming with NH Lakes Grant and the funds we allocated for Lake Host this year we should be able to have full time coverage for Lake Host from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Dean and Lisa discussed what is considered full time and what the hours will be. Two people on weekends, and one person on weekdays.

State School Property. Governor Councilor pointed out ambiguity in HB2 as it relates to State Property. Does not appear intentional that Ahern State Park will be included in the sale, but we should not take that for granted. Next chance to get the language changed will be in the Senate, too late to do anything in the House. Lisa has a call scheduled with Senator Jeb Bradley who considers himself an advocate and voice for the Lake's region. Lisa hopes that Sen. Bradley will sponsor an amendment. Dean pointed out that we also need to be aware that Opechee State Forest, which is located across the street from Ahern State Park, should not be included in the sale but based on the currently proposed language it could be interpreted that way. Belknap County Commission is willing to manage the Opechee Forest, which includes the community gardens. Dean attended Lakeshore redevelopment meeting earlier today. He noted that no one during the meeting mentioned Ahern or Opechee as being part of the sale. Dean spoke with folks after the meeting who stated that those pieces of property will not be included. Board concluded that if there is no intention of including those properties then there should be no objection to clarifying the language in the budget article.

Weed watching and water quality programs. NHDES sent out schedule for online training. Ed, Louann, Dick and Maggie only water monitors currently, we should recruit more. Dean will check to see if his neighbors the Dupaks are interested. Lisa will send out training schedule. Bob and Lisa discussed tributary monitoring - it appears that half the data collected last year was eliminated. Not sure if it was

due to operator user or equipment issues, we had some issues with meter. Lisa would like Melissa (intern) to go out on water testing & monitoring at least once. Dean and Ashley from Laconia may do one round of tributary testing on Opechee right after snow melt. If we include Opechee and Wicwas we may be able to get someone from DES to come out.

Scott Powell pointed out correct spelling is Wicwas, which is spelled without a K.

Tom is setting up a training session with Bill Esrich on LGL for weed monitors. Tom showed Judy and Ed how to enter info into LGL. Judy will reach out to Bill, to see if we need more volunteers and whether people need more training. Judy will reach out to Amy Smagula to see if there is training scheduled.

Tom and Lisa pointed out that several donors included the 3% coverage for PayPal. If they make a \$100 donation, they can pay \$103 which will cover the PayPal cost. Ed will list income as \$103, with a \$3.00 payment to PayPal.

Tom received one comment from the privacy policy he sent out. Would like more time to prepare for discussion in the future.

Tom stated it is easy to set up LGL to generate reminder letters for membership renewal and other matters.

Watershed Planning workshop scheduled for May 18th 4:30 – 6 pm. It will be virtual. Melissa generated a save the date flyer for the workshop, which was sent out to each town, who will add it to their websites and various links. Save the date will go out to stake holders soon. Melissa will generate a press release to send out a couple of weeks prior to the meeting as notification to some and reminder to others. We want to generate more resident and homeowner participation. We hope to have local conservation commissions and business participation. The workshop will have breakout sessions. Lisa E. noted that it would be good if we could have board representation in each breakout session.

Melissa has been reaching out to local towns to learn what ordinances and steps they have in place reduce salt and contaminants from entering the lake as input to the plan.

Culvert work starts later this week. Melissa plans to go out with Trout Unlimited to observe, take photos and post a write up on the website.

Judy asked if Melissa could review the Watershed Management Plan info currently on the website and post updates for the website.

NHDES monitors ice out, Melissa will post info on website.

Lisa E. reminded board about next strategic plan meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 11. Lisa asking that board members who have not responded to questionnaire, do so by midweek. Thank you to Tom and Bob for first draft.

Discussion took place about annual meeting. Ed stated that it is usually third Saturday in July. Bob suggested that we make sure annual meeting doesn't conflict with Winnisquam drive meeting. Dean will check with the Town of Belmont re beach availability for July 17 & 24. Dean noted that we should try to avoid scheduling meeting same time as Wildwood & Lakewood association meetings if possible.

Need to schedule VLAP training.