

Winnisquam Watershed Network

Board of Directors Meeting

April 26, 2022

Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Lisa Eggleston, Chuck Mitchell, Jim Chapman, Robert Day, Ed Stephenson, Dick Tracy, Dean Anson, Dawn Dupak, and Judy Hughes.

Approved annual meeting minutes from March, 2022.

Treasurer report, Bank balance \$78,804.50 and PayPal \$126.03.

Spring update went out to members and friends list, 66% have opened it and we did receive a few donations afterwards. Tony sent it to his neighborhood association, Lisa suggested others do the same.

NH Gives, we are signed up but it shows us as pending. NH Gives is June 7 & 8, WWN paid \$50 to join we will see how it pans out. This is the same time as annual membership drive, it was agreed we should hold off doing the June membership drive.

Recent Anchorage information is a hot topic issue at the moment, which generated a lot of views on WWN Facebook.

Membership drive, target new members. Discussion on raising dues. Keep dues at \$25 individual and \$50 family. Some new members may make additional donations.

Lisa spoke with Greenside Restaurant owner who will allow the use of the facility for \$500. Greenside will make money off bar. Pass the hat vs selling tickets. Identify items to be raffled off.

Lisa is working on having pamphlets updated and printed.

Cindy and Lisa met with consultants yesterday, they will draft watershed plan for review and post on website prior to public meeting scheduled for early June. Discussion on how to reach out to the towns with respect to the watershed plan. Bob asked that the watershed plan be presented at annual meeting.

Dean asked for the \$7,000 bill for Laconia sooner than later because the current town manager, Scott Myers is retiring soon.

319 Grant approved by DES is now at EPA waiting for their blessing. Once approved we will announce the \$125,000 grant and 3 projects we are looking to address.

Lake Host budget. NH Lakes had a meeting last week. They recommend paying \$15-\$20 an hour for host. Dean budgets 82 days, 8 hours a day at \$13 an hour for one person is \$8,200. NH Lakes donated \$3,500. We need two people on weekends especially in the AM. Weekdays we may be able to get by with one person. \$15 an hour is a little less than \$9,000 a person. 2 workers are teachers, June 24 they will start working during the week. They will work on weekends starting Memorial Day weekend. One person working 82 days, 6 hours a day at \$15 an hour is about \$7,200 for season. Last year we spent

\$15,200 for the season, if increased 15% that would raise it to \$17,600. Dean will plan a budget for \$18,000 at \$15 an hour and how many hours that covers. Dean will ask Barb and Deb what are the hours that should be covered.

Advocacy group update. Cindy attended meeting reference bills in legislation. Cyanobacteria bill passed in house on the way to Senate. Wake board bill failed in the house, may come back in the future. The vote was 2-1 in favor of wake boats. Cindy stated that many in attendance were from wake board industry.

NH Lakes will have its Lake Congress on June 2 & 3 at Church Landing. Some board members planning on attending. Discussion on whether we purchase a table or not, Lisa pointed out that we would have to man the table.

Lake Smart, Lisa encouraged us to do the online survey. Dean will speak with Dupacs about spreading the message.

Electrical line treatment. They did not meet with Dean but sent an email to Dean describing what they will use. Dean brought it to Laconia Con Com they recommend that it not be used because of streams in the area that lead into the lake and those that have wells on the property. Dean is schedule to meet with City Council in Laconia to speak against the application of herbicide. Cindy stated in Massachusetts the State Agriculture regulates this. If approved they would spread herbicide manually not aerial.

Bob mentioned the passing of Bob Foudrait who was instrumental in getting the City of Laconia to stop dumping waste in Lake Winnisquam, and building a waste water treatment facility.

Anchorage property, Chuck pointed out that the area in question is not zoned for condo's. Chuck is of the opinion of that the hotel project is a done deal, no matter how much anyone speaks against it. Need an alteration of terrain permit from DES on controlling storm water run-off. Dean expressed concern that the state doesn't monitor what they do and cut. Chuck mentioned that the Town of Tilton could require that they have someone overseeing the project representing the interest of the town and lake. Next meeting is at Tilton PD at 6PM on May 3, 2022. Chuck mentioned that there is a link to view that meeting online.

Next WWN meeting, Monday, May 16, 2022 at 5:30PM.