

Winnisquam Watershed Network

Board of Directors Meeting

May 16, 2022

Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Board Members Lisa Eggleston, Chuck Mitchell, Jim Chapman, Ed Stephenson, Dick Tracy, Dean Anson, Tony Carita, Dawn Dupak, Judy Hughes and Tom Camp. WWN Staff Cindy O'Connell.

April meeting minutes not available for review and approval.

Treasurer report, Bank balance \$81,314.51 and PayPal \$849.79.

Lisa mentioned adding Venmo as an alternative to PayPal, which is being used by more people. Ed will check into getting a WWN companion savings account.

Upcoming events that will be put on Facebook and our website.

1. Lake Congress June 3 Friday at Church Landing; Dean, Ed, Louann, Lisa and Cindy plan to attend.
2. Draft Watershed plan is due any day which Lisa will share with board, June 7th is the day to roll out to public, during 7pm zoom meeting.
3. NH Gives, June 7 & 8, not sure how effective this will be. It's a telethon for multiple registered charities in NH. Shelly Carita stepped in momentarily to give us some ideas and thoughts on how to promote our efforts with NH Gives.
4. Guided paddle June 21, 2022, launching from Deer Park Association starting at 5pm. Link on Facebook page and in last newsletter. Discussion occurred about the recent placement of a new loons nest on eastside of three islands, concern with boat traffic causing wake. Dawn and Lisa offered to reach out to the Pierson's who are on the big island and will likely agree to the nest being moved into a more covered area at three islands.
5. Loon presentation July 6 at Belknap Mills starts at 7pm, co-sponsored by the Laconia Conservation Commission. Lisa emailed Alan Gauthier and Ken LNU with Lake Opechee Watershed Association. Dean stated that he has been reaching out to Ken re; Lake Host on Lake Opechee, he has not heard back. Goal is to have both associations promote the presentation. Dawn mentioned neighbor who makes molds for Loon Cookies. Dawn will speak with her about making and/or selling molds & cookies at the event. Lisa noted we need to advertise this event.
6. July 23, 9AM, annual meeting, which conflicts with Winnisquam association that Tony and Lisa belong to, they will move their meeting to July 16.
7. Fundraiser concert, is scheduled for August 6. Lisa confirmed with Greenside that the room is secured for the WWN event, \$500 cost for room with cash bar. Event is open to everyone.

First water quality VLAP testing date is Monday, May 23, which Ed and Dick will assist with. Lisa noted that we need to start testing Huber brook, which is near the Osborne Agway. Judy mentioned that she has not received the water quality reports from last year.

319 Grant update, we have been approved by EPA, for \$125,000. Likely won't see the paperwork for approximately 2 months. Lisa asked Jeff Marcoux if we could announce grant at June 7 event when we

roll out Winnisquam Watershed Plan. Ed suggested that with the approval of the grant we should contact NH Magazine to write a story, which prompted Lisa to mention that Laconia Sun is writing a story about the passing of Don Foudrait, who was a pioneer and extremely instrumental in making Lake Winnisquam as clean as it is today, by eliminating some of the major wastewater pollution that was entering the lake back in the 1960s and 70s.

Black Brook study update, Belknap County Conservation Committee applied for the last round of Section 319 grants to address the Hughes Road issue that washes out into Black Brook. Belknap County Con Com did not receive grant. BCCC had \$4,000 left in previous grant, hired FB Environmental to do a quantitative analysis of sedimentation in Black Brook system.

Cindy attended board meeting about Anchorage request for a height variance. The Zoning board voted in favor of allowing the 59' height request, which will allow for 3 stories on the Lakeside and 2 stories on the roadside. Some in attendance from Belmont expressed concern about how it would affect their view of the sunset and the building itself. The architects were present to answer questions. They claim that they will not develop the entire property. Cindy asked if they would put some of the land in conservation, which they responded no. Tony noted that the plan to have 200 parking spots, Cindy stated that Anchorage reps claim there will only be about 100 vehicles parked at a time. Cindy noted that DES, shore land, alteration of terrain, and wetland permits will be needed. Dock space available by reservation only for those who want to have dinner. They claim there will be no boat launch, they are not renting power boats nor allowing guest to launch boats. They plan to have kayaks and canoes available for guest.

Bob Laflamme contacted WWN about a property on Lower Bay Road, stating that it looks like a dock condominium and wanted to know if this is regulated. Cindy has contacted NHDES and learned that shore land permits the docks but they do not have control over who uses them. Lisa suggested that Bob check with the Town of Sanbornton to see if they have any regulations. Cindy will reach out to NH Lakes to see if anyone else has dealt with this issue.

Lisa discussed the need for us to fundraise and increase the membership in order for WWN to be able to sustain itself. Should we hire a fundraising consultant? We need to identify those that are not members. We have 3-times as many followers on Facebook than we have members in WWN. Dean suggested that we talk with Pat Tarpey with the Winnispesaukee Association, they have gone through this. Lisa is aware that Lake Winnispesaukee has full time staff and space they rent.

Lisa suggested that Tom send out names associated with what board members want to work on with respect to strategic planning.

Dawn and Kath were asked if they could discuss whether we need to add to and increase our efforts with merchandise sales.

Discussion about clean up, Dawn made a good point of not using the phrase "clean up" but rather enhancement or some other phrase. Discussion about social events that could also be used for fund raising, a swimathon, kayak race etc.

Lisa, should we include "wildlife monitoring" as a program of WWN. Board in favor of this and adding it to our website.

Dean noted that either the City of Laconia or State of NH did a bunch of tree cutting around the waste water treatment plant, but left the cuttings behind, which could blow into the lake and create a hazard. Dean would like to see a fence put up with some low cutting blueberries bushes.

Dean brought up that NH Electric Coop is going to walk the transmission line where they did a bunch of cutting and plan to drop herbicide to reduce the growth of vegetation. Dean is concerned that this will affect the lake and peoples wells. Dean is aware that they are using an herbicide called Escort and is not aware of the second one. Dean spoke with someone from Eversource who told Dean that they do not use herbicide. Discussion about having WWN write a letter expressing concern with the use of herbicide. Dean will see how the meeting goes with City Manager about this.

Next meeting June 13, 5:30pm