

**Winnisquam Watershed Network**  
**Board Of Directors Meeting**  
**June 5, 2023**

In attendance: Bob Day, Lisa Eggleston, Ed Stephenson, Dawn Dupac, Dick Tracy, Dean Anson, Marion Longo, Bobby Lambert, Cindy O'Connell, Kath Keen, Jim Chapman, Chuck Mitchell, Tom Camp, Judy Hughes.

Lisa called meeting to order at 5:37 PM

May meeting minutes approved.

\$108,093,07 in checking and \$500 in savings.

WWN got one new member this past month, they heard about WWN from a brochure at Lobster Connection.

Lakes Congress was attended by a handful of WWN board members, who obtained valuable information from the various sessions. Lisa reminded us that another reason for attending was the networking that takes place and sharing of ideas, from fund raising, which programs work, and membership growth to name a few. Bobby asked if there is any collaboration between LRPC and organizations like WWN. Dean and Lisa pointed out that WWN worked with LRPC in the early phases of the Watershed Plan, but that better collaboration could happen.

Lisa and Bobby Lambert led discussion about the study for paving Dr. True Road and Maple Circle. Dr. True Road has been identified as a source of phosphorus into the lake due to erosion. A down side to paving those roads is that it can lead to chemicals being used for deicing that could end up in the lake. Lisa met with Sanbornton public works director who was very receptive and wants to do what is best for that road and the Lake, by preventing the water run-off from draining directly into lake and find a way to filter the water before it enters the lake. The best storm water management structures designs work best when they are cleaned and managed. Several towns in the WWN watershed do not have the proper equipment (vactor units) to manage proprietary systems which is why it is important to incorporate stormwater best management practices (BMPs) that can be more easily. Dean suggested a coordinated effort identifying areas where a vactor unit is needed and coordinating efforts to clean them. Lisa passed around the list of 24 priority sites in the watershed with correctable issues that have been identified in the Watershed Plan. Tom asked if there is a list of all catch basins that need to be cleaned on a regular basis. Lisa noted that each town is responsible and that WWN does not have any input or direction on managing these systems. WWN can advocate for regular cleaning. Dean suggested that we put a list together of all catch basins, and work with the towns to assure cleaning is getting done. Lisa noted that several of the catch basins in this area don't have at least a 4' sump to catch the sediment that can be pumped out later. Lisa stressed the need for municipalities and private contractors to adopt new design standards for better designed catch basins.

Program updates. VLAP water quality monitoring, Ed and Dick went out May 21. Ed and Dick scheduled June 19 for the second test date, which is the same day for near shore testing. Lisa and Ed will coordinate a meeting location to collect the near shore test samples. June 19 is also the same day for

tributary testing at 10AM, someone from the State will join them at the beginning at Water Street ramp to go over process to assure testing is being done correctly.

Huber brook, the reason we are on the impaired waters list and the same reason we qualified for EPA funding for the Watershed Plan. WWN needs to work with DES to coordinate a protocol for follow-up testing of Hueber brook to get Winnisquam removed from the impaired waters list.

Lake Hosts started last week. They inspected 150-200 boats.

Weed watchers has not started yet, Lisa has an email into Bill Esrich as to where there are gaps in our schedule, but Bill is currently traveling. Dawn cannot assist with weed watchers this summer but she has a neighbor who is interested. Lakes Congress noted that harmful algae blooms, cyanobacteria are on the rise. Phosphorus and rising temperatures are the reason for the increase. Lisa noted that there were 8 postings state wide of cyanobacteria sightings already this year. Lisa explained the difference between cyanobacteria and filamentous green algae. WWN will ask weed watchers to also keep an eye out for and report suspicious algae blooms.

State will pay 50% of milfoil removal. We have budgeted 15 days (25K) for Aqualogic to dive for milfoil removal. WWN has treated and/or removed milfoil for 6-years, which has resulted in the need for fewer days of harvesting each year.

Wildlife monitoring, loons have been seen on the nest in the north end, unsure if they are incubating. Three Islands nest appears they are incubating as one loon remains on the nest. Eagles nest in Meredith does not appear to be nesting, may be because of construction in the area. Eagles nest in Laconia appears active.

NH Gives starts tomorrow night. Lisa will send email to members tonight and one more when there is about 2 hours remaining.

Direct mailing update. Lisa has received feedback on the letter she wrote, she wants to keep it under two pages, bigger font, and appeal to the readers the need to help save the lake. Tom has an email list for property owners on or near the lake from Laconia, Meredith and Tilton. Bobby will send Lisa list of Sanbornton property owners, which Lisa will forward to Tom. Ed reported that the lady he is dealing with in Belmont has been out sick, he will check again tomorrow. Lisa will meet separately with the team on direct mailing.

Annual meeting will take place at Leslie Roberts town beach in Belmont, on July 22, 2023, 10-noon. Lisa asked for suggestions on what to put in the email for members to go with the notification of the annual meeting. Discussion took place on whether or not to have a guest speaker, no decision was made. Tony emailed Lisa a suggestion that we ask someone from the Preserve Hotel and Banquet facility to speak. Others mentioned having a guest speaker to talk about wildlife around the lake, climate change, protecting the lake etc. Cindy mentioned having someone from NH Lakes speak about Lake Smart.

Ed, Marion and Tony, are three board members who have participated in Lake Smart and will write about their positive experience with Lake Smart and what they learned.

Discussion took place on merchandise sales and how much inventory to have on hand. Dawn noted that Pat Charest is very flexible and will make any size order but noted that there is more of a cost for smaller orders. Lisa mentioned that we usually charge about \$1.00 more for each item, that we don't make

much money. It is more for getting our name out there. Kath noted that the Christmas ornaments are on order.

Kath talked about the various committees that we should consider to make the board run more efficiently. Kath suggested that we have 4 whole board meetings a year, two in person and two zoom off season. Between each meeting we could have smaller committee meetings, which would likely be more efficient. Kath asked that we look at her proposal, she will follow up with a google doc asking what each of us would be interested in. Kath asked that we review and send her our thoughts.

Summer social went well last year. We will not be able to have the same band as last year. Board had talked about doing an afternoon event to make it more family friendly. If we plan to do it this year, we need to get going. We need to identify a date, venue, and what to have. Kath will check with Waldron Bay to see if they will allow for use of the clubhouse.

Discussion took place about going to the sandbar, public boat launch and other locations to distribute WWN brochures. Bob will look into the cost of sandwich boards and have WWN information printed on them to display at boat launch.

Discussion took place about possibility of state legislation requiring septic inspections for every home sale on the lakes. Real Estate lobby is fighting this. Bob mentioned that the Town of Sanbornton has a stricter rule than the state has. All new construction requires that septic system have a lined tank and the system be at least 100 feet from shoreline.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM, next meeting June 26, at Marion's home