

Winnisquam Watershed Network
June 27, 2023 BOD Meeting

Attendees: Lisa Eggleston, Marion Longo, Bob Day, Ed Stephenson, Dawn Dupak, Dean Anson, Dick Tracy, Tom Camp, Chuck Mitchell, Cindy O'Connell, Bobby Lambert, Jim Chapman, Chuck Mitchell, & Kath Keen

Lisa called meeting to order, 5:40 PM

June 5, 2023 meeting minutes approved.

Ed presented treasurers report, \$115,773.43 checking, \$500 in savings, PayPal balance \$49.99.

Discussion took place around our account and whether or not we should move some funds into a CD and/or savings account. Should we create an endowment fund used for hiring future staff? In lieu of endowment, discussion took place on calling it a reserve or rainy day fund in case future funding falls through. Annual budget for 2023 is \$182,000, of which \$110,000 is for the 319 grant. Ed will check with Bank of NH reference on short term CD's. Tom made a motion that we put up to one year's operating budget into a reserve fund, Dawn seconded. Discussion took place that Ed transfer \$70,000 into reserve savings account, leaving approximately \$45,000 for checking account. Ed will check with Bank of NH what the rate of return is and term length of CD. All in favor.

Ed suggested we form finance committee tonight. Discussion took place, Lisa, Ed, Tom and Jim will be on the finance committee and will meet quarterly.

We need to find out in the next two weeks what officers and board members are willing to renew. Board members that are up in 2023 are President (Lisa), Treasurer (Ed), board members Bobby Lambert, Judy Hughes, Bob Day, Dawn Dupak and Tom Camp.

Lisa reminded us to get thank you cards out.

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Annual Meeting, July 22, 2023, President of NH Lakes Andrea Lamoreaux is our guest speaker. She will speak about Lake Smart and cyanobacteria. In the recent budget passed by the State legislatures is a million dollar fund to combat cyanobacteria, which is primarily caused by warming waters and added unwanted nutrients to our lakes. We should notify members that WWN has a solution to combat cyanobacteria that requires their help.

We need to purchase a card reader \$29.00, to take dues payment at meeting. We can also take payment via VENMO. Zeffy works with nonprofits as a means to accept payment, Tom is not sure that it works with LGL but he will look into it. At the meeting we need to present annual budget and hold elections. We budgeted \$17,000 for this year's Lake Host budget, discussion took place that we raise that to \$20,000 this year. Regarding publicity, Ed will draft a letter/press release to send to Laconia Sun, Weirs Times, The Laker, the Laconia city website,

Facebook, next door and WWN website. Dawn mentioned yard signs, similar in size to political signs to be placed in strategic areas announcing the annual meeting.

DES surveyed Lake Winnisquam and identified the following areas as containing milfoil. Ephraim's Cove, Jay's Marina, Sun Rays Shore, and Winnisquam Marine and the north end are all areas that have been identified as containing milfoil. Discussion took place on having the milfoil map created by DES at the annual meeting and on our website. Ed will gather a sample of milfoil, which he will put in a jar of water to have at the annual meeting. Divers to harvest the milfoil are scheduled to be out in the near future.

Tom suggested that we put advertisement on the Aqualogic diver's boat such as, "Milfoil Remediation, sponsored by Winnisquam Watershed Network". Take a photo to add to newsletter and website.

Kath will reach out to board members about committees that they may be interested in.

Lisa asked that we select dates for July VLAP, near shore and tributary testing.

Loon monitors; Three Island pair has 2 chicks, and the North End pair has one chick. The Three Island parents and chicks have been seen out in the middle of the channel. Janet Richardson passed away over the winter, she was responsible for the creation of the loon sanctuary in the north end. Lisa is looking for someone to take over scheduling the loon census scheduling that Janet Richardson used to coordinate, it's unsure if Janet's daughter will take over or not. This year's census is scheduled for Saturday, July 15.

Lisa is looking for someone outside of WWN to coordinate a schedule to babysit the loon chicks around Three Islands as a means to keep some of the hi-speed boat traffic away.

Chuck informed the board that Winnisquam Landing Association, 1003 Laconia Road, across from Apple Tree nursery, just south of the bridge on the Tilton Side has a request to redo their dock and mooring design, they are looking to dredge the boat landing for a deep-water boat ramp. They are looking to dredge 27 cubic yards of material. The State wants to know how they plan to maintain it so they are not requesting dredging every couple of years. Chuck will send us a copy of the letter that explains their request. Concern is that dredging stirs up the sediments which can cause bacteria to be reintroduced into the lake water instead of remaining settled on the bottom.

319 Grant update. Cindy reported that we should soon have conceptual plans for Deer Park. Gale Ave project we received an updated conceptual plans. Next step is permitting. Before summer is over we should have permission to move forward with final plans. The goal is to have one meeting with DES for all three sites, to present plans for permitting. Deer Park will require us identifying a contractor. City of Laconia will construct the Gale Ave project. The Town of Sanbornton will construct the project in their town.

Kath and Lisa showed off the new Christmas Ornaments that will sell for \$25 each. Ornaments will be available at the annual meeting and will have a note inside stating that their purchase supports WWN.

Kath reports that Waldron Bay is a possibility for the summer social, a date to consider is August 12, 1-5PM. An afternoon event held at the clubhouse, with a couple of food trucks and a silent auction. Dawn mentioned that food trucks are limited, can be difficult to schedule and there may be a minimum cost of food sold. Ideas discussed, music, games for the kids, Winnisquam bingo, face painting, balloons, plastic wading pool with magnetic fishing, funny photo booth, education on water testing and a dunk tank which Dean agreed to be dunked in.

Summer social committee, Marion offered to assist Kath with coordinating the social. If we are going forward with the social we need to start collecting for silent auction.

Lisa hopes to get out another newsletter before the annual meeting that will contain information about loon chicks, annual meeting, and summer social.

Lisa would like to add information to the website to promote planned giving to WWN. Jim has information on planned giving, which he will share. Lisa is asking for someone to do more research on the topic. Kath knows someone associated with planned giving, she will inquire further. Dawn suggested that the finance committee look into this, but it may be more geared toward membership.

Dawn will send photos of new merchandise to see what we would consider ordering. Discussion took place on hats, polo shirts and other merchandise we may consider. Strong consideration given to taking orders and then producing the merchandise.

Lisa distributed brochures, pamphlets, thank you cards and other material to board members.

Meeting adjourned: 8:16 PM, next meeting scheduled for August 7, 2023.