

**Winnisquam Watershed Network
Board of Directors Meeting
July 11, 2022**

Meeting at Tony Carita's home, started at 5:35PM.

Attendees: Board Members Lisa Eggleston, Jim Chapman, Ed Stephenson, Dick Tracy, Dean Anson, Tony Carita, Bob Day, Judy Hughes (by phone) and Tom Camp. WWN Staff Cindy O'Connell.

June meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer report, Bank balance \$79,532.78 and PayPal \$209.10.

Lisa reminded us that we need to present 2023 calendar year budget at annual meeting later this month. We should discuss what our goals are with the money we currently have in the budget. Future expenses include our ongoing battle with milfoil, lake host, future staffing, equipment for water testing, fund raising consultant, and education.

WWN thermocline finder is not working, which they no longer make parts for. Lisa recently purchased a similar device often used by fisherman from Amazon, for approximately \$140.00. She will see if it works before deciding whether to keep it. If need be, the DO meter we have can be used for the LLMP sampling.

Board discussed Cindy's current status, which Lisa reminded us will be funded by the 319 grant at least for the next two years. Lisa and Cindy's time will also count towards WWN's match in the 319 grant.

Lisa identified someone from Lake Opechee who is interested in doing water quality monitoring on Lake Opechee. Dean is working with Taylor (Laconia) to do tributary testing around Lake Opechee. Discussion took place whether or not we should offer monetary and/or equipment assistance to Lake Opechee Association to get them up and running. Some members felt that Lake Opechee should be able to come up with the \$480.00 to cover the cost of testing. WWN will encourage Lake Opechee to fund the testing.

2023 Budget discussion.

Board discussed educating homeowners on getting their septic systems upgraded, maintained and pumped regularly. Can we come up with group discount for WWN members? Should we add in next year's budget a small grant for septic and environmental upgrades for homeowners around the lake?

Lisa brought up a recent discussion and visit she had with property owner Cliff King, who identified a drainage that fills with sand and run off, which enters the lake through his property. Cliff is working with his neighbor to resolve the issue. Lisa noted that this is a perfect example of the type of project that could benefit from grant funds, although she also stated that Cliff is willing to pay for this particular project if his neighbors will agree. She also indicated that with the Lake Smart program we may also identify other sites. Motion by Tony, seconded by Bob all in favor to put 5K in next year's budget to assist with small environmental projects around the lake that benefit the lake. Board will need to determine criteria for awarding grants.

NH Lakes staff are conducting the Lake Smart assessments. Lake Smart offered to train members of the WWN board in conducting the assessments.

Lisa reminded the board that the Moose Plate Grant runs out this year, which covered current staff cost in support of the WBP.

Discussion occurred on what kind of staff do we bring on, development director, executive director, fund raising consultant, membership consultant, program manager or combination of those mentioned. Lisa noted that other organizations strongly stressed starting with a program manager.

Discussion on increasing Lake Host for this year and next. Are they getting the support they need and do they need equipment? i.e. tablets that can make their job easier. (WWN can get discounted equipment through TechSoup) Several board members commented on the great job that our current lake hosts Barbara and Deb have developed with boaters that regularly launch from Laconia public launch.

Board discussed that 60% of the boats launched in Winnisquam are from the public launch, 40% use associations, marinas and private launches. Winnisquam Marine only launches boats they maintain. We learned that Flightcraft recently purchased Jay's Marina and will assume control August 1. Lisa is willing to contact Flightcraft to discuss who is allowed to launch from their marina and are they willing to partner with WWN to help maintain a clean lake. Discussion about meeting with the various association boards to educate them on educating their board members on inspecting boats prior to launch. Dean suggested we ask at the annual meeting for ideas on how do we reach the 40% of the boat owners that launch from other than the public ramp in Laconia.

Lisa encouraged the board to identify potential WWN board members from the various associations around the lake to join. We particularly need someone from Sanbornton.

All members up for election this year, agreed to remain on the board. Dean will handle elections at the annual meeting. Lisa brought two signs advertising our annual meeting that need to be placed out. Lisa will send out a press release and notice to our members for the annual meeting. Tony and Bob will remind their association members of the WWN annual membership meeting. Jim will pick up coffee and donuts. Tony and Bob will bring some tables and chairs. Dawn will bring WWN merchandise. Dean will bring an easel.

Cindy and Lisa will discuss WWN management plan at annual meeting. Dean will discuss Lake Host and invasive species discovered. Ed will discuss VLAP and tributary water testing. Be prepared to answer questions about the Anchorage plans. Bill Esrich will discuss weed watching.

Lisa thanked WWN member Maggie Tracy for reporting Cyanobacteria sighting, a few weeks ago. Lisa mentioned that she received several emails and inquiries and the cyanobacteria was probably not confined to the north end that weekend.

Loons - Lisa got a great photo of one of the loons in the north end with a green and white leg band, which the NH Loon Preservation Committee identified as a male loon that has been breeding in the north end since 2012. The loons at three islands are still on the nest, which Lisa noted is past due and wonders if the egg will hatch. Lisa mentioned that she's been told this will be Janet Richardson's last year conducting the loon census, WWN will work on finding a replacement.

WWN current merchandise printer has closed shop, Kath is looking to find a new printer for our t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats. WWN needs a year-round resident to operate online storefront and mail out orders in a timely fashion. Bob reminded us that we need to get the screen printing digital design. Kath discussed some of the research she has been doing, changing t-shirt design, a Christmas ornament, coffee mugs and other clothing. Using the photos from various photographers from around the Lake to use for sale and or raffle prizes.

August Fundraiser, Lisa had 2 dozen flyers for us to post around the area, in addition she has poster cards available for distribution to advertise the WWN Summer Social. Press release, notify the Laconia Suns to add to their events section. Tony will hit Lobster Connection, Winnisquam Market, and Winnisquam Marine. Lisa will put flyer and brochure at golf course and share on various Facebook pages. Bob will try Agway and Piche's. Shelly C. will walk neighborhood. Dick will get one to Mallards Landing. Board is asked to come up with ideas for raffle. 50/50 raffle, Ed will bring roll of tickets. Catering is not available that night we can bring snacks.

Cindy and Lisa are setting up meetings with towns in the watershed to discuss Watershed-Based Plan and ask that they adopt the plan. Meeting with Meredith Planning Board on July 26, 2022. Dean suggested that planning board invite the head of DPW.

Aqualogic was out last week removing milfoil in the areas of Jays Marina, Mallards Landing, and the North end. They did not find any milfoil in Sun Ray shores. They are done until later this summer.

Lisa reminded the board that NH Gives was very successful.

Next meeting Monday, August 15, 2022.

Adjourned at 8:10 PM.