

Winnisquam Watershed Network

Board of Directors Meeting

October 5, 2020

Meeting Opened @ 5:00 PM (EST)

Meeting Adjourned @ 6:15 PM (EST)

Attendees by Phone or Zoom: Lisa Eggleston, Jim Chapman, Katherine Keen, Chuck Mitchell, Robert Day, Tom Camp, Ed Stephenson, Dean Anson, and Tony Carita.

Absent: Dick Tracy, Judy Hughes, Jeff Caira

Minute/treasurer's report – August minutes were accepted with Judy's edits; Ed presented Treasurer's report.

Jan Landry of the Tilton Conservation Commission joined the meeting to tell the board about two loons on Knolls Pond in Northfield who recently became entangled in monofilament fishing line and died within a month of each other. The experience has led her to start a grassroots effort to get monofilament collection tubes installed at launching ramps and public access points in the lakes region. The WWN board expressed their support for the effort and willingness to help.

2020 Milfoil program wrap-up – Aqualogic will return once more after Columbus Day to remove any milfoil in Jay's Marina after boats are out. Have not received 2020 milfoil money from Belmont or Sanbornton. Ed will follow-up on both. Once we get the final Aqualogic invoice we can submit to Tilton.

Water quality monitoring wrap-up – lake and tributary monitoring programs are complete for the season. NHDES determined there was a problem with the WWN DO meter due to a corroded battery. Dean will get it back and follow up with YSI for repair.

Lake Host program wrapped up the weekend of 9/26. 2,616 boats were inspected this season. Approximately 3% had weeds on the boat or trailer, but no invasive species were found. The vast majority of people launching boats at the Fish and Game ramp were aware of the lake host program and had already cleaned, drained and dried their boats.

Watershed Management Plan update – Shoreline survey for Winnisquam is complete, thanks to a heroic effort by our volunteers. Lisa has been in touch with NHDES. EPA funding still pending, hope to have contract by end of November.

Grant status & applications – Lisa applied for but did not receive a 2020 unrestricted (operational) grant from NH Charitable Foundation. Follow-up discussion with NHCF indicated that we might be better applying for an express grant for something like CRM implementation, capacity building, etc. Mooseplate grant pending – will hear by 12/4. Still have \$500 grant from NE Grassroots for cyanobacteria flyer.

Membership updates – Kath will send thank you notes to the four new members who joined recently. Tony will send her some of the cards.

CRM software – Tom Camp is reviewing the options available to WWN and developing a spreadsheet to compare the attributes of each. He will be prepared to present his findings at our next meeting.

Strategic Planning session – BOD will dedicate a meeting this fall/winter to strategic planning. Lisa will put together an outline or questions for us to think about. Not sure whether we need a facilitator and if so who.

Other – NH Lakes is working on the ballast boats (wake surfing) issue – Lisa M is a member of the study group.

Next meeting: Nov 2nd at 5:30 pm est (Note: subsequently postponed to November 9th)