

**Winnisquam Watershed Network  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 7, 2022**

Virtual meeting via Zoom, started at 5:30PM.

Attendees: Board Members Lisa Eggleston, Ed Stephenson, Tony Carita, Bob Day, Judy Hughes, Tom Camp, Dean Anson and Chuck Mitchell. WWN Staff Cindy O'Connell. Potential new board member Marion Longo

Lisa introduced Marion Longo, and all board members introduced themselves.

August meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer report** - Ed reported Bank balance \$91,345.04

Lisa spoke with the new Meredith Town Manager and he said they will be paying the Meredith invasive species donation bill, and are amenable to discussing road maintenance to help with runoff into the lake.

**Summer Program Wrap-up** - Aqualogic finished their milfoil removal in the Jay's Marina area in September. They spent several days in the area doing cleanup. Lake and river water sampling finished in September.

Lisa spoke with the Director of Operations of Flight Craft, the new owner of the Jay's Marina sight. He said they are willing to work with WWN. They will be renting boats, but all boats will remain in the water at the marina for the season and will not move between lakes. The business has applied for a dredging permit for the channel and marina, and will take steps to prevent mobilizing invasives in the area. Hopeful this will help with eliminating some of the invasives. Their launching ramp will only be used by tenants, and he's happy to coordinate a training session on clean, drain and dry protocols.

Mallards Landing has also applied for a dredging permit.

**Anchorage Update** – Cindy submitted a comment letter to the Tilton Planning Board on the Site Plan application. The DES has approved their shoreland permit. The Alteration of Terrain permit is still under review. The site is on sewer, but they are proposing septic for the seasonal canoe and kayak rental center.

**Grants** - Cindy participated in the stream restoration site visit on Black Brook. Stoney Brook is now under consideration by BCCD and NHF&G. NHF&G has other grant programs that could fund land acquisition in our watershed. Cindy will update us on potentials. We need to hire more staff to help with this and other activities for the WMP. Other potential grant funding could come from the Trust for Public Lands as well as the Lakes Region Conservation Trust.

319 Grant – The 319 RFQ has been published, and the grant contract has been signed though the Governors Council still needs to approve it. November 25 is the deadline for submitting replies to the RFQ for stormwater controls. Lisa suggested doing a public announcement after we engage an

engineering company. The target for the project design and permitting is over the winter, followed by bids for construction in early Summer 2023.

**Fundraising plans** – Marion is willing to help out with our fundraising and has been investigating lifesource.com website to find out how to harvest mailing lists. Tom will also help, and has started mapping the watershed to get addresses. Tom and Marion will work to capture waterfront and water adjacent properties for a mailing to be conducted next spring.

Tom has been looking for GIS information for towns to determine where WWN members are. Lisa will try to get information from our WMP consultants or Lakes Region Planning Commission.

End of year appeal – Lisa looking for BOD member to write a year end appeal that could be mailed around Thanksgiving. Ed volunteered to write a draft of the appeal on cyanobacteria blooms. Tom will help with MailChimp.

Summer Social –2022 was well attended and very successful. Merchant donations were high and are a good way to get business participation and support for WWN. Silent auctions of merchant and member donations were a big success. The Fullertons' band are willing to play again next summer but prefer an end of June time frame, versus August. Possibly an afternoon, family friendly event to get a younger crowd involved? Request was made to think about different ideas and best time for the event.

Merchandise sales/marketing – Dawn, Kath and Lisa will meet to discuss merchandising. The t-shirt printer that we used previously has re-opened and is conducting business. We need to put in an order for hats. Dawn has the lake prints that need to be advertised for holiday gifts. Lisa found an ornament person, but it's too late for holiday ornaments this year. We also have photo prints for sale. Marion and Judy will help with shipping. Tom will help update our website shop. We can use Winnisquam Printing in Laconia for graphics. Lisa will order more WWN hats, and will send Tom photos of merchandise.

**Other/Misc** – Marion was introduced to a few latecomers to the meeting and was asked if she wanted to join the WWN BOD. Marion accepted. The BOD members voted to accept her to the Board.

Ian Raymond is a photographer with a studio in Laconia. Chuck said that Ian would love to contribute photography to WWN. Dean will talk with him regarding potential BOD membership.

Dean attended the Laconia State School meeting. He let them know that WWN will provide input on protecting the lake.

Next meeting January 9<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm.