

**Winnisquam Watershed Network  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 11, 2021**

Meeting Opened @ 5:15 PM (EST), Community Service Room, Franklin Savings Bank, Tilton NH.

Attendees: Lisa Eggleston, Jim Chapman, Robert Day, Ed Stephenson, Tom Camp, Dick Tracy, Dean Anson, Dawn Dupak, Tony Carita, and Chuck Mitchell.

Board welcomed new member Dawn Dupak

Board members completed Conflict of Interest statements

Approved annual meeting minutes from July 2021

Treasurer report, PayPal account \$1,036.95 and checking account \$57,130.71

\$8,956.60 spent to date on Lake Host. Through Labor Day will cost additional \$4,600. To date 2,580 boats inspected another 300 have not been entered into system. 2 of the current Lake Host are teachers and will be back to work after Labor Day. Discussion on how long should we extend Lake Host after Labor Day. Suggestion that we continue on weekends not to exceed \$15,000 total for the season. Bob made motion, Tony seconded all in favor.

The WWN received a \$1,000 donation from Jays Marina, which Lisa posted on Facebook. Chuck Mitchell will drop off plaque to Jay's. Winnisquam Marine gave a \$500.00 donation. Grey Rock Neighborhood Association donated \$200. Belmont Conservation Commission is donating \$300.00. Discussion took place regarding what amount of donation is needed to be considered a sponsorship, which currently starts at \$100.00. Chuck will check with the Tilton Con-Com about a donation. Lisa wrote a letter to the Sanbornton Selectmen referencing what WWN has accomplished to date and would they be willing to increase the amount of their annual donation.

Tony mentioned that NuCar purchased the Anchorage. Should be considered for a sponsorship. Lisa working on making contact with Hermit Woods and Steele Hill. Jim will assist with approaching Hermit Woods.

Lisa will reach out to owner of new marina that purchased Martel's property about possible sponsorship and whether or not they are inspecting boats and jet skis prior to launching. They are only marina renting jets skis.

Lisa will email WWN business sponsorship to all board members.

Water Quality monitoring will take place on Monday, August 16, 2020. Dean and Bob discussed doing tributary testing one day next week.

Lisa reminded board of recent boaters survey that asks if you have a boat, what type and where do you launch. Most responses to date are people that keep their boat on the lake for the season. Survey will remain open and Lisa and Melissa will work to get more participation. They will also ask that NH Lakes consider publicizing.

Nancy Betchart advised Lisa that there is some milfoil in their area of the lake, near the no wake area north end of lake. Divers are scheduled to work in the last the week of August 23. Amy Smagula due to conduct an inspection of the lake. Ed reports that Sunray Shores looks clean and free of milfoil.

Invoices to Meredith for \$6,000, Sanbornton \$5,000 and Laconia for \$7,500. Ed will follow up with Meredith Town Manager Phil Warren or accounts payable. Belmont is not contributing this year. Tilton is waiting for invoice for work completed in Tilton.

Watershed based plan is in the hands of the consultants - they are compiling data and number crunching. They will be looking to meet with WWN and other stakeholders i.e. local Con Com's, marinas etc. sometime this fall to discuss water quality goal for the lake.

Lisa submitted Concept Paper to NH Charitable Foundation for \$10,000/yr grant. Same grant we applied for last year. Lisa followed up with why WWN was turned down last year that should put us in better shape for this year. It's possible we don't have enough of track record to meet the NHCF requirements. Lisa pointed out in the concept paper that we don't have a long track record and stressed what we have accomplished in a short time. We need to bring on staff, even on a part time basis to begin with, in order to build WWN as we cannot rely strictly on volunteers.

Discussion took place about using \$7,000 Moose Plate Grant funds for 2022 and \$12,000 funds we approved for WWN management to hire a part time project manager with some focus on future grants. Two areas of immediate concern are Black Brook Road, Sanbornton and dead end of Gale Ave, Laconia.

Watershed Management plan will provide best practices on how to manage roads, ditching and areas around the lake. WMP will be shared with local towns. DES and some towns are discussing the creation of rain gardens around the lake.

Strategic planning - discussion on next steps. Tom suggested providing the list to BOD asking that we select which tasks we are each interested in taking on.

Future meeting schedule, discussion took place that during the off season we have strategic meeting one month followed by a BOD meeting on alternate months, at least until the strategic plan is finalized. Meetings will be first Monday of each month. First of season BOD meeting will be October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Dean suggested putting out strategic planning opportunities to the board in September.

Apparel sales, Dawn willing to take on that project. Suggestion that we use photos obtained from amateur photographers in the area to be framed or matted to offer for sale.

Lisa mentioned a rock band who has members that live locally willing to perform for a WWN fundraiser in 2022. She has talked to a Mallards Landing board member about possibly using Birch Hall.

Discussion on learning from NH Marine Patrol what needs to be done to implement a no wake policy when water levels are too high.

Meeting adjourned 7:05 pm.