Winnisquam Watershed Network Board of Directors Meeting December 4, 2017

5:00 pm Lisa Eggleston calls meeting to order. Attendees were: Terry, Tom, Frank and Ed and Dean. Phone in: Lisa, Tony and Judy.

Treasurer's Report – Ed said there were no contributions in November. The IRS had not commented on the 501.c3 application.

Lisa reported that NH Lakes Association has agreed to act as a Fiscal Sponsor to accept at least one tax deductible contribution on behalf of the WWN for tax year 2017. The donation will be conveyed to the WWN upon receipt of its 501(c)(3) designation or, if that does not happen in 2018, at designated milestones. Lisa is working with Tom O'Brien at NH Lakes to develop the grant language.

Milfoil – Tom and Dean attended the Tilton Conservation Commission meeting on November 20th to discuss WWN. The Commission stated that the Town had funded at least 3 milfoil management efforts in the past, particularly around Jay's Marina. The Commission is willing to fund efforts to manage milfoil in the waters along the border of the Town. They will submit a Warrant Article request in March of 2018. Tom agreed to provide the Commission with details around the amount of money necessary and information about the contractors selected by NHDES.

Terry contacted Jay's Marina to solicit funds to help fund milfoil management in Tilton, but did not feel the conversation was successful, yet.

Dean and Tom agreed to attend the Belmont Conservation Commission meeting on December 6th to discuss the Town's financial support in addressing milfoil. Frank and Dean will meet with Meredith Conservation Commission on December 7th for the same purpose.

Terry will contact Winnisquam Marine to ask for their support in making boaters aware of the milfoil issues.

WWN Logo – Dean will notify Larry Frates about the logo contest so he can notfy his students and Terry will notify the Laconia Boys and Girls Club of the same.

Website Revision – Terry, Tom and Judy met two weeks ago to discuss revisions to the website. The three of them are working to review other lake association websites to identify designs that would make the WWN website more user friendly. So far, Terry, Tom and Judy have cleaned up the front page and reorganized the drop down buttons.

It was suggested that everyone look at the websites for Squam Lakes Association and for Lake Sunapee. Lakes Waukewan and Winona have a good website at www.WWWPA.org.

Tom and Judy will look to see if obtaining additional management tools will make it easier to manage our website.

The website revisions and management are complicated and may require WWN to hire a consultant to make changes to the website. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

WWN Status Letter – Lisa drafted a letter describing the activities of WWN since the Annual Meeting. The letter was emailed to WWN members and to others who may be interested.

Task List for 2017-2018 – Lisa developed a list of activities that the Board wants to accomplished before next Annual Meeting. The four general categories are Administration, Milfoil, Water Quality and Wildlife. Lisa and others will prioritize the list by next meeting.

Board members selected municipalities to work with and keep up-to-date on what WWN is doing – Tom (Tilton), Terry (Sanbornton), Lisa (Meredith), Ed (Belmont) and Dean (Laconia).

It as agreed that WWN would have a presence at the NH Lakes Congress in May 31 – June 1, 2018.

Membership Campaign – Judy will make a list of lake activities (old home days, fishing derbies, where we can raise awareness of what WWN is doing on the lake. Terry will develop literature that can be distributed discussing our activities.

Sponsorship members include Jay's Marina, Winnisquam Marine, Steele Hill, Granite State Candies, Winnisquam Market, Lobster Connection, etc.

Dean will develop a post card describing what WWN does.

Annual Meeting 2018 - Meeting has been scheduled for July 28th (last Saturday in July) and will be held at Leslie Roberts Town Beach in Belmont. Dean will contact the Town to reserve the Beach.

Water Quality - Lisa is developing a cost estimate is needed for laboratory costs and purchasing sampling equipment. It was agreed that laboratory analysis for cyanobacteria should be added to laboratory costs. The WWN should also consider monitoring tributaries to the lake under the NHDES VRAP program. Lisa will check on the availability of loaner equipment to start us off. The VRAP program does not require lab analyses. Dean will check to see what sampling equipment the City of Laconia has that could be borrowed by WWN.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 8th starting at 6 pm (note later start time) at Terry's house.

Meeting concluded at 7 pm.