

Winnisquam Watershed Network

Board of Directors Meeting – January 7, 2019

5:00 pm Lisa Eggleston calls meeting to order. In attendance (remotely) were Tom, Judy, Lynn and Jim.

Minutes – Minutes from prior Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa reported balances of approximately \$16,000. Check from Town of Belmont in the amount of \$611.25 was received.

2019 Milfoil Program – Estimated cost for the 2019 program are \$46,396, including treatment of Effraim's Cove. Once again contracts will be with Solitude for herbicide treatment and Aqualogic for the diving component. Plan is to use a different herbicide (Procellacor) which is supposed to be equally effective but does not require restrictions on well water usage. Lisa has instructed Solitude to treat the southern end of the lake in June and the northern end in August. Treatment will include going upstream from Jay's Marina.

Based on the 42.6 acres of herbicide treatment identified in the NHDES bid map the treatment areas by town were calculated to be approximately 43% for Meredith, 50% for Laconia and 7% for Tilton. (Note, the grant calls for herbicide treatment in only 30 acres – Lisa will follow up with Amy on this.) Lisa will also discuss with Amy Smagula of DES the intended treatment of Effraim's Cove. Lynn will discuss with the Town of Belmont the potential use of herbicides if called for. Lisa will follow up with LPC people regarding herbicide treatment at the north end of the lake.

Board member town liaisons will inform the towns regarding the 2019 plan and funding needs.

PRPC Watershed Plan Goals – Board discussed the LRPC goals as circulated to the Board. Two additional goals or statements were suggested: (1) include as a goal a septic/sewerage survey for each town in the watershed (2) include a statement of intention to work with local organizations (e.g. WWN) in planning and plan execution.

Lisa will transmit these suggestions to the LRPC and find out whether they have requested or received grant money.

NH Lakes Update - Lisa reported phone meeting with Tom O'Brien of NH Lakes. High lake levels were discussed and Tom put Lisa in touch with dam administrator at State who provided information circulated earlier by Lisa. Also discussed were ideas concerning septic assessments, including regulations concerning required standards to be applied upon property sales.

Website Redesign – Board approved initial \$1,600 expenditure for professional services to be used in redesigning and launching new website.

Lake Host Program - The Lake Host program was discussed. NHLakes issues the grants and to date the Lake Host program for the Winnisquam ramp on Lake St has been coordinated and administered by the Lake Winnisquam Watershed Association. Funds were available last summer but no one was identified to fill the post and Lisa has been unable to reach Erich Bochley to learn more. Job entails 16 hours per week on weekends at the Laconia boat ramp. Lisa suggested to NH Lakes that the WWN would be willing to help, possibly combining with a paid internship position.

Membership Update – No significant news was reported.

Other Business – Lisa brought up the new Anchorage site cluster development proposal. Important issue will be number of proposed docks. It is not yet clear how current regulations will apply to a cluster development which maintains the area as a single property. WWN will remain an information source with regard to this proposed development.

Tom suggested that WWN consider hosting a gathering of Town representatives sometime during the summer. Such a gathering would provide a forum for WWN to present its activities as well as Towns to discuss their issues related to the lake. Board members agreed that this was a good idea and that we should plan to do it this summer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30