

**Winnisquam Watershed Network
Board of Directors Meeting - February 5, 2018**

6:01 pm Lisa Eggleston calls meeting to order. Phone in by: Terry, Tom, Frank, Ed, Cliff, Jim, Lisa, Tony, Dean and Judy.

Financial Summary - Ed reported that as of 31 January 2018 the WWN bank balance is \$ 6,313.14

Milfoil Management - Lisa received the grant letter from NHDES and WWN has until 2/15/18 to accept the grant conditions. Amy Smagula of NHDES has assured WWN that no work will be done by the contractors (Solitude for herbicide application and AquaLogic for DASH) prior to notification by the contractors and that WWN will not be obligated to complete the entire management program if we do not have adequate funding lined up. The Board voted to authorize Lisa to sign the documents accepting the grant.

Signing Solitude's contract will allow them to start the permitting process and abutter notifications. WWN will need to work with the towns to identify the abutters names and addresses. Dean will get Laconia residents names, Lisa will work with John Edgar of Meredith to get that Town's abutters and Tom will get Tilton's. Work by Solitude and AquaLogic can be scheduled for either June or September. The Board is leaning toward September but will wait for NHDES and LPC input to make a final determination. The Board will wait until the next meeting to vote on authorizing the Solitude contract.

WWN is continuing to pursue local matches from the five municipalities to help fund the milfoil management plan. The Meredith warrant article is for \$12,000, Sanbornton, Tilton and Belmont are estimated at \$2,000 each. Laconia Conservation Commission will decide at their meeting this week - Dean intends to request \$10,000. The NHDES grant will cover approximately 25 percent of the cost. The remainder of the cost (approximately \$5,000) will have to be raised by WWN.

Weedwatchers - Cliff will organize the weedwatchers and coordinate with NHDES and Amy Smagula to conduct a training session for WWN volunteers in May or June.. Cliff intends to designate leaders for different areas of the lake if we can get enough volunteers. Weedwatcher surveys will be conducted in July, August and September.

Terry suggested that the weedwatcher effort would be a good opportunity to educate the public regarding milfoil.

Corporate Sponsorships - Terry has been contacting businesses around the lake to discuss WWN Sponsorship. Terry has contacted the following businesses: Winnisquam Marine, Osborne's Aqway, Granite State Candy, and Jay's Marina. Other business suggested as potential sponsors were: Piches, Steele Hill, Gunstock Mountain Resort, Lakes Region Docks, Martels, and New England Fiberglass.