

**Winnisquam Watershed Network
Board of Directors Meeting
April 2, 2018**

6:00 pm Lisa Eggleston calls meeting to order. Attendees were: Jim, Terry, Cliff, Ed, Lisa, Tony, Judy and Dean

Treasurer's Report – Bank balance is \$4,191.01.

Logo - Lisa asked for comments on the draft logos submitted to date and asked the Board to email specific comments regarding the shape, lettering, colors and other elements so she could forward them to BizBuzz to make revisions.

Milfoil – Terry met with the Sanbornton Board of Selectmen and they are 100% behind supporting the milfoil project. The Town has approximately \$15k set aside for milfoil control at present, but it is unclear how much of that is available for them to contribute this year as some has been invested. The Board appreciates the WWN's long-term holistic view for addressing milfoil in Lake Winnisquam and indicated that the Town has been allocating \$5K annually for milfoil control purposes; they are pleased that the WWN is in place to coordinating the effort.

Belmont and Tilton have indicated that they will contribute \$2K each to the milfoil project this year. Ed will meet with the Belmont Conservation Commission again in May and Tom touch base again with the Tilton ConCom

Meredith passed their budget warrant article of \$12K for treating milfoil so that money is available to the WWN as of April 1.

Dean will meet with Laconia City Council to clarify their financial commitment to dealing with milfoil in Winnisquam.

Abutter's lists are needed from Meredith (Lisa will get), Laconia (Dean will get) and Tilton (Tom will get).

Weedwatcher – Training for weedwaters will take place on June 2nd, the location is to be determined but will be local.

Training for other committees will be publicized when the training dates have been established.

Grants – The New England Grassroots Foundation Grant submitted by Lisa was funded for \$750 for use in printing and mailing a post card describing what WWN is doing.

Lisa also submitted an application for an express grant of \$5K to the NH Charitable Foundation. No decision has been reached yet. Funds from this grant are targeted to public outreach and education.

The Bank of NH grant application was submitted requesting \$5K to support milfoil management. No decision was reached yet.

An application for a \$20K grant was submitted to the Pardoe Foundation. The scope included additional water quality monitoring of Lake Winnisquam and mapping, assessment and water quality monitoring of tributaries to the lake. Some of the work funded by the grant (if it is approved) would be conducted by summer interns. A decision is expected in mid-May.

Annual Budget - The annual operating budget drafted by Lisa was discussed and adopted for Fiscal Year 2018. The budget assumes receipt of the grant funds outlined above so if less funding is received the expenses will need to be adjusted accordingly. A copy of the approved operating budget is attached to these minutes.

Communications – The quarterly newsletter was emailed to WWN membership list letting people know what we've accomplished and asking for volunteers to serve on the water quality sampling, weedwatchers as well as other committees.

Tom is compiling a list of neighborhood associations on the lake and contacts at each so newsletters and other communications can be sent to a greater number of people. All Board members are encouraged to send the WWN newsletters to neighbors and friends.

The lists of neighborhood associations will also be used to request support for milfoil treatment and for volunteers to assist the Board with : weedwatchers, milfoil, water testing, etc. The public will be notified of the different committees where they can volunteer on the website and in newsletters.

Marketing Opportunities – A post card mailing will be made after Debbie Bolduc finishes the logo design and designs the post card. The Board will continue to distribute information about the work being done by WWN.

New Hampshire Lakes Congress meeting is scheduled for June 1 and WWN will rent a table there to continue to raise awareness of the work being done by WWN. Lisa offered to pay for the table rental and several other Board members indicated that they will attend and help manage the table.

Terry and Dean will manage a table at Sanbornton Old Home Days celebration the end of July.

Board members will also try to attend local neighborhood associations' annual meetings to spread the word about WWN.

Newsletter – The newsletters will be posted on Facebook.

Business Sponsorships - Terry continues to work on developing different sponsorship levels and their benefits. She will draft an email and send it to the Board for individual comments.

Bylaw Revisions – Revisions must be submitted to the membership 30 days in advance of the Annual Meeting. Different levels of membership were discussed along with printing and sale of tee shirts and decals. The Board sets the different levels of dues.

The current Board members have a term of one year. Having staggering lengths of Board membership were discussed so a new Board was not selected every year. This staggering lengths should add continuity to the Board. This issue will be discussed in a later meeting.

Next Meeting - May 7th at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Anson II, Secretary