

**2018 Annual Meeting  
Winnisquam Watershed Network  
July 28, 2018  
Leslie Roberts Park  
Belmont, NH**

President Lisa Eggleston welcomed everyone to the second annual meeting of the WWN and introduced the Board of Directors who were present. She summarized the activities of WWN since the 2017 annual meeting by describing management of milfoil and other invasive species, sampling of water quality and application for grants that financially supported WWN's activities. (See quarterly update attached) WWN has received IRS approval as a 501c3 tax exempt organization.

Ed Stephenson, WWN Treasurer, and Lisa Eggleston described the findings of the water quality sampling in the lake performed over the years. The findings of three deep water samples indicate excellent water quality, clear water, low phosphorus levels. Shallow water sampling indicated a slight decrease in water clarity. Winnisquam, like most lakes across the northeast, is experiencing an increase in chlorides, most likely from road salt.

The WWN is also starting to monitor water quality data in the tributaries to the lake. The first sampling of these tributaries is scheduled for next week.

The water quality data being generated by the WWN will form the basis for the development of a Lake Winnisquam Watershed Management Plan. WWN is working with the Lakes Region Planning Commission to support this effort.

WWN worked with the NHDES to develop a milfoil management plan for Lake Winnisquam with NHDES performing a milfoil survey last year. Using that information NHDES developed a recommended long term milfoil management plan for Winnisquam which the WWN has started implementing. Lynn Lowd of Belmont described the milfoil management being done this summer. The milfoil plan has two components – divers hand pulling milfoil in selected areas around the lake; and application of herbicides where the concentrations of milfoil are more significant. The hand pulling of milfoil is currently ongoing while herbicide application will take place in September.

The WWN has lined up funding for the milfoil management from NHDES and the five municipalities around the lake (Belmont, Laconia, Meredith, Sanbornton and Tilton), as well as donations by our members.

WWN representatives have spoken with Silver Lake association about coordinating milfoil from the two lakes using trained volunteer divers. Silver Lake Association has a DASH boat.

Tom Mead, a Board member and resident of Tilton, discussed the Weed Watcher program that WWN started for Lake Winnisquam this summer. The program uses volunteers to help identify where milfoil and other invasives are, and has already been credited with identifying several new milfoil locations that will be treated this summer. Bill Esrich is coordinating the 33 weed watchers. More volunteers are needed, especially in Laconia.

Terry Rasp, a Board member, reported that the invasive shellfish, zebra mussel, was observed on a boat prior to it being launched at Jay's Marina. The marina owner spotted it and made sure to get it cleaned off prior to launch. This a further reminder of boat owners to "clean, drain and dry" after using a boat and before launching it on a water body.

Lisa E. discussed the grants that WWN has received this year including: NE Grassroots (\$750), NH Charitable Association (\$2,500) and Pardoe Foundation (\$5,000). WWN is contacting local businesses to solicit their sponsorship. Supporting businesses will be identified on WWN website so when doing business with these organizations, members are asked to please thank them for their support.

Proposed Bylaw changes were passed unanimously. (See Attachment A).

Ed Stephenson presented the treasurer's report stating that 22 July, 2018 checking account balance is \$29,794.30. (see Attachment B). Some of this money is committed to the milfoil work by the two milfoil contractors.

The proposed annual organizational operating budget was proposed for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 (see Attachment C). Membership vote was taken that resulted in approval of the proposed budget with no changes.

Dean Anson, Secretary, placed the following Board of Directors into nomination: Lisa Eggleston (Meredith) as President, Lynn Lowd (Belmont) as Vice President, Ed Stephenson (Belmont) as Treasurer, and Dean Anson (Laconia) as Secretary. Additional Board members nominated were: Judy Hughes (Meredith), Terry Rasp (Sanbornton), Tom Mead (Tilton), Jim Chapman (Belmont), Tony Carita (Meredith) and Jim Braver (Sanbornton). Lisa Morin (Laconia) was nominated from the floor. The membership voted approved all nominees.

The two 2018 Board members who stepped down were Cliff King and Frank Maaz. Lisa Eggleston thanked them for their contributions to WWN.

The meeting was opened up for comments and suggestions from the membership.

- 1 Salt and sand should be used sparingly around the lake so as not to impact water quality. Residual amounts should be swept up so it does not wind up in the lake.

- 2 I was suggested that we organize a lake cleanup day to remove trash from the lake bottom. Areas to be focused on include the sandbars north of the Route 3 bridge and at the outfall of Winnipisaukee River.
- 3 Prior to ice out, remove debris left on the lake ice by fishermen and snowmobilers.
- 4 Trash located at the outfall from tributaries should be removed so it does not get into the lake. The area around the Winnisquam River outlet to the lake was mentioned.
- 5 WWN will continue to pay close attention to the proposed development of the State School Property in Laconia. Attention will be paid how this development might impact the lake and Ahern State Park which is adjacent to the school and has extensive waterfront on Winnisquam.
- 6 WWN will continue also to follow potential development activities at the Anchorage site.
- 7 The post card developed by WWN should be distributed to real estate agents who sell and rent properties in the watershed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Anson II, Secretary

## Proposed Bylaw Revision

### *Original text:*

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- The term of membership in the WWN shall be for one year starting on the date of the Annual Meeting in which the annual dues are paid, and ending on the date of the next Annual Meeting.
- All members in good standing are eligible to vote.
- Each dues-paying member shall have one vote.
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