

**Winnisquam Watershed Network
Board of Directors Meeting
June 6, 2018**

6:00 pm Lisa Eggleston calls meeting to order. Attendees were: Ed, Tom, Frank, Tony, Lisa and Dean. Terri and Judy on phone.

Treasurer's Report – Bank balance is \$18,054.87.

Lakes Congress - In future, no table for disseminating information as the attendees were mostly from outside the watershed. Lisa encouraged everyone to attend though as it was a good networking opportunity.

Grants - The WWN has been awarded the following grants: \$750 from New England Grassroots, \$5,000 from Pardoe and \$2,500 from NH Charitable Foundation. The Grassroots and NHCF grants are to help fund marketing and educational materials, and the Pardoe grant is to support water quality and tributary monitoring. We did not get a grant from the Bank of NH.

Development – The manager of the Anchorage emailed Lisa that they will not pursue the RV development that had been proposed and requested that we remove it from WWN website. Tom will do so.

On Wednesday there will be a meeting at Laconia City Hall to discuss development of the NH State School site that has lakefront on Lake Winnisquam. This information will be posted on the WWN website.

Publicity – WWN should develop a brochure and map for Lake Winnisquam similar to the one Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA) has developed. WWN could use our brochure to encourage both lake stewardship and membership in WWN, using money from the NHCF grant. Lisa has spoken with the director of LWA to get some suggestions as to how to implement. Lisa and Terry will draft the brochure and will use the tagline “Collaborating to Care for Our Lake”. A budget estimate will be prepared having the printing done by LWA's printing company.

Post Cards – The post card handout is being reprinted because the original one listed the website wrong and was not adequately proofread. The mailer version will be developed next.

Pardoe Grant – These monies will be used to work with the tributaries. Habitat conditions in tributaries will be assessed as part of the mapping of the tributaries. Dean will search for interns to assist with the tributary work. Lisa and Dean will concentrate on assembling a list of tributaries including the river that comes from Lake Wicwas.

Website – Tom and Judy met with Bizbuzz to review the changes Debbie of Bizbuzz recommends however the estimated cost of the revisions seemed too high to pursue at this stage. Tom will provide Ed a list of these recommended changes so Ed can get a cost estimate from his neighbor to make those changes.

Tom and Terry will search for a less costly web host company. They will get an estimate of the cost to see the website on an iPhone.

At the annual meeting, we will look for volunteers to revise the website.

Weedwatcher Program – Tom has sent emails to a variety of people to get volunteers to be weed watchers. The training will take place on Saturday at the Franklin Savings Bank Community Room in Tilton.

Weed watcher information will be provided to DASH workers so they can hand pull the milfoil.

Milfoil – Lisa notified Amy Smagula at DES that WWN wants to proceed with the milfoil treatment in the lake. Amy plans to update the lake's milfoil survey this week or next.

Ed sent an invoice to the Town of Meredith Town Manager for the Town's portion of the milfoil treatment. The Town is processing that invoice. Tom will notify the Town of Tilton of our efforts so they are prepared to pay their portion of the treatment. Tom will communicate to Tilton that all the lakefront municipalities are participating in milfoil management. Tilton may also be willing to support the diver/DASH work in addition to the money contributed for herbicide treatment.

Neighborhood associations will be notified of the milfoil treatment to solicit their financial support. Lisa attended the annual meetings of two neighborhood associations (Sunray Shores and the condos next to Cliff) over Memorial Day Weekend to talk about the WWN and got very positive feedback.

WWN will provide feedback to municipalities and associations of the progress made managing milfoil this year.

Silver Lake is reported to have a DASH boat so we may want to talk with them in the future to see if they would be willing to share it WWN once we get divers trained.

Water Quality Monitoring - The first of three water sampling events will be performed on June 3.

Annual Meeting – Terry and Judy will prepare an agenda for the July 28th meeting at Leslie Roberts Park in Belmont. Terry will prepare a sheet where volunteers can sign in to work on specific tasks.

Jim will donate the coffee, donuts and water again.

One item on the agenda will be changes to the bylaws which will be prepared by Judy. Terry will revise the membership dues based on the Board's discussion.

Board Composition - Frank and Cliff have decided not stay on the BOD. Although all 5 municipalities are represented on the BOD, the northern and eastern sides need more representation. During recruiting efforts, municipal conservation commissions will be encouraged to provide Board representatives.

Dues - We discussed having a tiered structure with different donor levels. Terry will send out a draft on this idea. Lisa suggested an association level membership. It was agreed that WWN would not offer a association level membership. The third type of membership is business membership. Terry agreed to draft different sponsorship levels and the benefits of each type of membership.

Terry suggested the following tiers for membership - individual (\$25), family (\$50) and steward (\$100). Paying members vote at annual meetings. Terry also suggested memorial gifts and gift memberships. She will send out emails with more defined tiers.

Next Meeting is July 2, 2018 at Terry's house.