

**Article 14 in the town warrant addresses a known stormwater threat to Winter Harbor, which has seen at least one major cyanobacteria bloom in the past few years.** The article raises \$131,000 by bond to allow the town to remedy long-standing issues at Port Wedeln that have resulted in extensive erosion of the shoreline into the lake. Monies from the bond would be combined with a \$100,000 donation from the Port Wedeln homeowners 'association and a \$199,000 federal grant under the American Rescue Plan Act, a major infrastructure bill. Like previous stormwater mitigation efforts in town over the past decade, the work at Port Wedeln is not an improvement to the property itself. Instead, it involves work on the property that will benefit the waters of Winter Harbor in particular and Lake Winnepesaukee in general. The health of those bodies of water is key to the value of properties that lie along their shores and to local businesses that benefit from the popularity of recreational activities on the lakes.

This warrant article takes care of an ongoing issue for both the Town of Wolfeboro and the Port Wedeln homeowners association. The Port Wedeln Homeowners Association have been dealing with extreme run off due to elevation, poor drainage, and issues created around the area. The result is yearly washouts, and huge expenses to maintain its waterfront. The Homeowner's Association has spent considerable funds over the last ten years to create a very nice, well maintained, and complimentary waterfront that balance needs with use. A few years ago, this area was identified by the town (working with the association) as a contributor to storm water runoff making its way into Winter Harbor.

***As \$199,000 of this project is funded by NHDES American Rescue Plan Act Grant, \$100,000 will be paid by the Port Wedeln Association over seven or so years and the Taxpayer would pay up to \$131,000. The benefits to the town are enormous while also benefiting one of the larger associations in the town.***

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