

APPROVED at 1-7-19 meeting

Minutes

December 10, 2018

Cyanobacteria Committee

In attendance: Selectmen Linda Murray and Paul O'Brien, Wolfeboro Director of Public Works Dave Ford, Planning Board Kathy Barnard, Assistant Director Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation Justin Chaffee, Conservation Commission Lenore Clark, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary DeVries, and members of the public Anne Blodget and Warren Muir.

1:00p.m. Linda Murray called the meeting to order

A motion was made to elect Dave Ford Chairman; seconded. Motion carried.

A motion was made to elect Justin Chaffee Vice Chairman; seconded. Motion carried.

Minute taker: Mary DeVries volunteered to record today's meeting.

Chairman Dave Ford distributed full-color copies of Lake Winnepesaukee.

Dave presented a draft mission statement as follows:

~~Proposed Draft Mission Statement for the Cyanobacteria Committee: To protect the health and welfare of property owners, residents and visitors of Wolfeboro by: Increasing our awareness of the Cyanobacteria Problem (Assessment); Identifying sources of stormwater pollution and mitigating negative impacts by installing BMPs (Corrective Action); Educating the general public and everyone living in the watershed about the problems, solutions and how they can help (Education).~~

~~Note: Dave drafted this mission statement after the meeting, but this a summary of what he was trying to say. This will be on next agenda to discuss, change and adopt if we are all in agreement.~~

Discussion followed about a potential value in bringing together other town appointed committees such as the Milfoil Committee. Members expressed the importance of the clear intent to deal with the specific crises of cyanobacteria, in Wolfeboro waters. There was consensus that for now, we will move forward as a standalone committee with a single priority to address cyanobacteria in Wolfeboro waters.

Dave suggested the first step is to create a work plan.

Dave suggested the following goals:

- 1) Assessment
 - a. Develop a program to identify and monitor where we have cyanobacteria
 - b. Identify sources of cyanobacteria and impacting phosphorus levels
 - c. Identify methods the selectmen can use to communicate warnings to the public
- 2) Corrective Actions
- 3) Education

Discussion followed about our overall approach, threats, and strategies for obtaining current status of our waters.

There was agreement that we want to put into place something that addresses short-term and long-term safety issues. We want a plan that gives Wolfeboro the capability for quick results of tests when we do have a bloom.

Informational and ongoing:

- Anne Blodget, Warren Muir and other members who are available will attend a meeting in New Durham(Community Room?) about control of phosphorus pollution of the Merrymeeting River 1:00p.m. Wednesday December 12.
- Dave and Linda will continue investigating grant opportunities, appropriations and the March ballot
- Dave is working with Keene on what is happening there
- Dave was asked to provide an electronic copy of the Watershed Based BMP Design Notebook.
- For a future meeting: Warren offered to provide a 15-minute overview and explanation of the problem

Meeting structure: Dave will create agendas and assign duties. Meetings will be held monthly at 1:00p.m. on the first Monday and will adjourn at 2:00p.m.

Agenda for next meeting: Summarize goals, reach consensus.

Next meeting: January 7, 2019. Followed by February 4, March 4, April 1.

2:00p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary DeVries

NOTE: The committee voted to approve these minutes less the Mission Statement that was added by D. Ford at their 1-7-19 meeting