**Town of Wolfeboro**

**Wolfeboro Waters**

**Assessment Subcommittee Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**1:00pm – Wednesday November 9, 2022**

**Beaver Room**

**Wolfeboro Library**

**Wolfeboro, NH 03894**

**Present:** Beth Marcoux, Warren Muir, Abby Adams, Linda Murray

**Absent:** Andra Dekkers, Bree Rossiter, Emilie Clark, Steve Wingate

1. **Warren called the meeting to order at 1:04pm**
2. **The minutes** of the Oct 11, 2022 meeting were approved as written.
3. **UPDATES:**
	1. Water quality data for Wolfeboro Waters has been posted to a Google drive for committee members. Beth will contact Bob Craycraft to see if it’s possible to get a spreadsheet of LLMP data for the Wolfeboro Watershed from 2009 – 2022 that can be available to members. Organization of the data on the G-drive continues.
	2. The lab has been moved from Warren’s porch to Andra’s kitchen until permanent space can be found.
	3. Andra and Beth are going to Bigelow labs Nov. 28/29 for more training in PCR testing.
	4. Bob Craycraft sent more recent results. Data is available on the Google drive.
4. **Watershed Management Plan for Tucker Pond:** Warren was impressed with the thinking expressed in the plan and feels this may be the foundation for future watershed plans in the area.
5. **Review –** The committee reviewed and discussed the draft report to the Board of Selectmen Warren provided. Warren indicated the report will serve as a Wolfeboro Waters report. It included:
	1. results to date of 2022, measurements, observations, and analyses
	2. new information about water quality, cyanobacteria risks, prevention, and mitigation
6. **New business –**

Warren will prepare 3-5 slides with main points for the meeting with selectmen on December 21. The committee discussed major points of the report. Linda recommended the report be given to Selectmen as well for use as a background material. Warren shared Steve’s comments on the report and those ideas were incorporated below.

The Committee suggested the following things to get across to Selectmen:

1. One slide should show how WW has grown from 2019 to where it is now in understanding what is going on in the lakes in our area. This slide should briefly include why we’re worried, what has been accomplished, increase in # of volunteers, etc.
2. Another slide should indicate that while we have years of data from UNH, it’s not telling the whole story. Have seen that parameters being measured now have are not adequately predicting problems that we know exist and are observing. While the data show low P in water, there has been an increase in cyanobacteria blooms and advisories, slime on the rocks in clear water, an odor coming from the water, growth of plants on bottom; cotton candy, etc, leaving all very concerned.
3. Public and private BMPs and actions are extremely important. Info indicates there may be low-cost modifications that may make them more effective.
4. Partners with Bigelow labs, all lake associations, -- name all partners.
5. Have pursued techniques that could potentially help us identify a toxin very quickly
6. **Other new business --** None
7. **Public comments –** None
8. **The next meeting: January 24, 2023 at 1:00pm in the Beaver room of the Wolfeboro Public Library.**
9. **The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm**