

Town of Wolfeboro Wolfeboro Waters Committee

UNAPPROVED

**1:00 pm - Monday May 10, 2021
(VIRTUAL MEETING ONLY)**

Linda Murray opened the GoToMeeting at 1:03pm

Attendees: Linda Murray, Kathy Barnard, Arthur Slocum, Abby Adams, Richard Masse, Warren Muir, Mary DeVries

Absent: Mike Turner

Staff Present: Wolfeboro IT – Beverly Woods, Recording Secretary – Christine Metcalfe Doherty

Roll Call: Art Slocum – present and alone, Kathy Barnard – present and alone, Mary DeVries – present and alone, Richard Masse – present and alone, Abby Adams – present and alone, Warren Muir – present and alone, Linda Murray – present and alone

Approval of the Minutes April 12, 2021 meeting: Tabled for next meeting

Discussion on Stormwater Regulations:

Ms. Barnard: Stormwaters regulations came up and Matt Sullivan said he was having a difficult time dealing with the regulations and asked for us to take a look at them and how we may be able to change them. Richard and I met with Matt and discussed the existing regulations. Then we spoke with Tavis (Director of Planning & Development) and he said we should have a new set of regulations.

Mr. Masse: This was presented at last week's Planning Board meeting. They came about during a review of the Town's ordinances back in 2012. We had no stormwater regulations at all. The regulations we came up with were approved in 2014. The past standards were quite different. Having the Planning Board have the ability to waive ordinances on a case-by-case basis, is probably not a good way to work. There was also no mention of phosphorus. It was suggested that the Planning Board forward the proposed changes to this committee and the Conservation Committee for some review.

Mr. Slocum: The ones from Tavis came from where? If they came from a town that doesn't have the water we do, it won't be helpful.

Mr. Masse: I propose that Linda assemble a small group from this committee and ask them to review the new ordinance and come back with some information and recommendations that can be passed on to the Planning Board. Tavis has given us five weeks to provide feedback.

Ms. Murray: Leaving meeting to reboot and Kathy Barnard will run it until I get back.

Ms. Barnard: We don't have to get back to the Planning Board until mid-July. I think we should have a group to do the research. This was just for site plans for commercial property and should be expanded. Tavis took out some of the process of having to check back on the sites and I think this was why it wasn't really enforced.

Mr. Slocum: This is primarily for commercial property and not residential?

Ms. Barnard: Yes, commercial or multi-family which required a site review. It does not go over into subdivisions. Which I think it is where it is needed. The version Tavis used was from the town he was before.

Ms. DeVries: I don't see a need for a sub-committee. We are all receiving the same information. We can all make comments and suggestions to the chair to be passed on. What were the bulk of the changes modeled after? A town similar to the water volume of Wolfeboro?

Mr. Slocum: The template we should be looking at should come from a town like ours.

Mr. Muir: Normally there would be a preamble about issues we want to correct on the regulations. What are those problems?

Ms. Adams: We need a lot more information as it is concerning when regulations by a water body become looser.

Mr. Slocum: It would be easier if they took the areas they rewrote and highlighted them then explained why they changed them then we can figure out what they were trying to do.

Mr. Muir: We need to take into consideration the extent of the problems stormwater causes and how to prevent it from getting into the lake.

Ms. Barnard: This was referred to you in the Conservation Commission so you need to keep that in mind.

Ms. Murray: Kathy and Rich will gather information. Kathy will you notify this committee when the Planning Board will discuss this again?

Ms. Barnard: Yes I will.

New Business:

- **Mitigation & Prevention:** Report on 2021 work
 - Watershed management plan for Wolfeboro Bay and Back Bay

Ms. Barnard: Rich and I are going to be meeting with Tavis going over the information he will be submitting to NHDES (New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.)

- Review of Brochure

Ms. Barnard: We have not come up with a final estimate for the cost yet and Mike Turner is out of town.

Ms. Murray: I have \$6,000 for the communication budget will we be using all of that? I show \$2,000 showing for the brochure. Should we move forward?

Ms. Barnard: It would be great to get this out ASAP.

Ms. Murray: I am comfortable with that?

Ms. Barnard: It will be going to all residents in town and to pass out at various events.

- **Assessing Subcommittee:** Report on 2021 work
 - Report on 2020 results

Mr. Muir: We have no new reports from UNH but we will prepare a brief one from the 2019 report. This past year not much has changed. But we will provide what we will be looking at in 2021.

- Report on subcommittee meetings
- Discuss a joint meeting of Assessing & Mitigation subcommittees

Mr. Muir: There is an issue, and that is clearly stormwater runoff is a major concern. I thought it would be good to identify preventions / approaches for streams that are not yet addressed.

Ms. Murray: You would like two people from the Mitigation subcommittee?

Mr. Muir: Two or three from Mitigation and two or three from Assessing.

Ms. Adams: Pat Tarpey (Lake Winnepesaukee Association) let me know that they have gotten some contributions to test the waters but it won't cover everything. The town can pick up the cost for testing the water but she does not have it in the budget. Does the town want to pick up the cost? The testing this year will be for the Watershed Plan for Wolfeboro Bay and Back Bay. We could do some fund raising. The cost is \$250 per site (10 sites in Wolfeboro) is what I was told. However, some of the sites are sponsored so their cost are covered.

Mr. Muir: We made a contribution to the Lake Winnepesaukee Association.

Ms. DeVries: As a town entity, are we deciding that we are going to budget for money that will go to other organizations? Are we hiring other organizations to do the work?

Ms. Murray: If you pay for Winnepesaukee, why aren't we paying for the other bodies of water? I think it's important to be equal to all the bodies of water in town.

Mr. Masse: Who is deciding where the sites are? Who is running this or paying for it?

Ms. DeVries left the meeting at 2:09pm

Ms. Adams: Warren, maybe you should speak to Pat Tarpey. She says all the other towns pay for their sampling.

Ms. Murray: We wrote a letter to the Wentworth Watershed Association letting them know we weren't paying for their testing. When we decide on how sampling will be paid we will have to let them know. Warren will be speaking to Pat and then get back to us.

Ms. Barnard: Alyssa Paquette said she would be happy to do an article on the pipettor we got.

- **Communication Subcommittee:**

- Update on Facebook page

Ms. Adams: Please get all your friends to like Wolfeboro Waters. We are posting helpful information on there.

- Report on 2021 work

Ms. Adams: Alyssa is going to do an article on Pat Tarpey and I training water samplers. Still working on the high school students to volunteer at locations in town to distribute the flyers and other information.

- **Report to Spend Funds:** Approved in the 2021 operating budget \$18,000
 - Assessing sub-committee: \$10,000
 - Communication sub-committee: \$6,000
 - Mitigation & Prevention: \$2,000

Other Business:

Ms. Barnard: Are we going to talk about forming a fundraising committee for Wolfeboro Bay?

Masse: I think that can wait until we know if there will be money from the revolving fund first. So probably not until September or October.

Next Meeting: June 14, 2021 at 1:00 pm

It was moved by Kathy Barnard and seconded by Richard Masse to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote Mary DeVries—yes, Linda Murray—yes, Kathy Barnard—yes, Richard Masse—yes, Warren Muir—yes, Arthur Slocum—yes, and Abby Adams—yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Adjournment was at 2:39 pm

Submitted by Christine Doherty