

WOLFEBORO WATERS COMMITTEE

Monday, August 16, 2021

Minutes

Present: Warren Muir, Rich Masse, Art Slocum, Abby Adams, Kathy Barnard, Luke Freudenberg, Linda Murray and Mike Turner

Absent: Mary Devries

Staff: James Pineo

Public: Peter Goodwin and Andra Dekker

At 1:03pm Chairman Murray called the meeting to order.

Minutes

The minutes of May 10, 2021 were tabled to see if the corrections were made. The June 14, 2021 minutes were correct by changing page 1 line 6 from the bottom *from \$400.00 to \$1,200.*

Kathy Barnard motioned and Art Slocum seconded to accept the minutes of June 14, 2021 as corrected. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Mitigation and Prevention

Rich Masse informed the committee that the Mitigation and Prevention Subcommittee has worked with Pat Tarpey and Michele Lowe of the Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA) to develop the MOU which was sent to the committee. He said that the subcommittee added more wording to the LWA draft MOU to clarify the active role of the Wolfeboro Waters Committee. Rich informed the committee that the name of the project was going to be changed from Wolfeboro Bay watershed management plan to Wolfeboro Bay Environment Study.

Warren questioned where one would find the definition of the scope of work.

Rich replied in an addendum to be added later.

Linda suggested adding the word *public* on page three, last bullet point to *contributing public funds.*

Kathy Barnard moved and Mike Turner seconded to recommend the MOU between the LWA and the Town of Wolfeboro go to the Board of Selectmen for its review and action. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Rich requested that Wolfeboro Waters members assist his committee in fundraising efforts. He was looking for names of individuals to be contact for donations to the environment study/ watershed management plan.

Warren wanted to know how much the LWA would be fundraising. He has been contacted by a donor to the LWA wondering if giving to the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission would better address environmental issues.

Rich stated that the LWA had a list of possible donors and was in the process of developing fundraising materials. The cost of the fundraising materials was estimated at between \$2,500 to \$3,000. The Committee reviewed the 2021 budget.

Mike said the printing of the Mitigation and Prevention brochure used up all the subcommittee's funds along with \$332.18 from the communication budget.

Abby had no problem with more of the communication budget being used for other projects since the communication committee had no plans for the funds.

Warren stated that the assessing budget would be all used up by the committee. He pointed out the \$5,000 was for Biglow Labs of Maine which does way more than \$5,000 worth of testing and assistance to the committee.

Linda requested that the Wolfeboro Waters Committee review the LWA brochure before it goes out.

Rich asked whether the Wolfeboro Waters logo should be included in the brochure.

Abby thought it should.

Art suggested using "endorsed by the Wolfeboro Waters Committee."

The consensus of the committee was to use the words "endorsed by the Wolfeboro Waters Committee."

Abby Adams moved and Rich Masse seconded to approve spending up to \$3,000 for campaign materials for the environment study out of the communication budget. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Peter Goodwin informed the committee that there had been agreement not to approach the town's business community as part of fundraising.

Rich reviewed the key points in the letter previously sent on the proposed revisions to the storm water regulations sent to the Planning Board. In September a meeting will be scheduled by the Planning Board to review the comments received from Wentworth Watershed Association, Conservation Commission and Wolfeboro Waters Committee.

Assessing Subcommittee

Warren explained the three key points in the 2020 Assessing Committee report. One, in 2020 in New Hampshire there were 25 cyanobacteria sightings and none in Wolfeboro waters. Two, the World Health Organization stated that cyanobacteria does not cause ALS. Three, phosphorus is the limiting element. There is a large amount of phosphorus in the sediment. Storm water run-off is the major factor in adding phosphorus to the Wolfeboro water.

Warren stated that gloeotrichia was spotted this year in Winter Harbor, Lake Wentworth and Mirror Lake but not at bloom level. NH DES issued official cyanobacteria advisories for Mirror Lake in 2019, 2020 and 2021. There was a significant amount of run off in July 2021 and the water is warm all adds to cyanobacteria growth. The Town's protocols for reporting a cyanobacteria sighting worked as planned.

Abby said the committee is working on it boat wake observations.

Warren informed the committee that the observation survey on the Town website was not working.

Jim told the committee that the new IT person, Dave Baker, was working on cleaning up the website. He wanted only one member of the committee to be the point person with Dave.

Warren stated he was pleased that water testing was taking place on Lake Winnepesaukee, Lake Wentworth, Crescent Lake, Rust Pond and Sargents Pond.

Communication subcommittee

Abby reported the committee has had educational tables at the Farmer Market, Library and the two supermarkets. The Face Book page has been receiving more hits. The information on how to report a cyanobacteria sighting has been posted on the face book page in the past. The committee will have more educational tables starting in September and October.

Warren asked about the dockside parking lot storm water.

Linda and Jim informed the committee that this project will not go forward in 2022 since more information is needed to make a decision.

Draft 2022 Budget

After a discussion, the committee agreed to request \$18,650 in the 2022 operating budget divided as follows:

- i. **Assessing sub -committee:** \$10,000
- ii. **Communication sub-committee:** \$6,650
- iii. **Mitigation and Prevention:** \$2,000

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13 at 1:00pm.

Kathy Barnard moved and Rich Masse seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda T. Murray