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Wolfeboro Waters Committee Minutes April 17, 2023

Present: Julie Brown, Libby Peard, Rich Masse, Warren Muir, Mary DeVries, Linda Murray, Art Slocum

Absent: Kathy Barnard, Bree Rossiter

Meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm

Minutes from 2/6/23 and 3/30/23 were reviewed and accepted.

New Business:

- Rich Masse stated that the Wolfeboro Bay Watershed Management Steering Committee will be having its first meeting soon.
- The Shorefront Residential District Regulations with Wolfeboro Waters Committee edits were reviewed and accepted unanimously. They will be sent to the Planning Board.
- “Questions to Ask About Projects” (their impact on surface waters) document was reviewed and unanimously accepted. This informational document will be sent to the BOS and then to Dept Heads and to the Planning Board. This document is seen as part of the educational mission of Wolfeboro Waters.
- Albee Beach washout was discussed. WW had sent a letter to BOS suggesting that an Engineer be consulted to assist in designing a mitigation strategy for the recurrent washouts. Linda Murray and Julie Brown were tasked with looking into the status of this.
- Assessment Subcommittee report. Warren Muir states that the subcommittee has hired an intern through UNH for 6 weeks. This had been discussed at previous meetings and a motion was passed to use \$5,000 from the Assessment Committee’s budget to pay for this.
- The Wentworth Watershed Water Summit #5 will take place on May 13, 2023 at the Town Hall. As in the previous year, Wolfeboro Waters will be a Sponsor and a motion passed to use \$1000.00 from the Communication subcommittee budget for this. The motion passed with 8 yes votes and one abstaining (Julie Brown).
- Communications Subcommittee report: Abby Adams stated that the Spring E Newsletter went out to 142 subscribers and that we have had very good feedback. The FB page and Website are both gaining more followers. There was also a suggestion by Julie Brown to change our domain to WolfeboroWaters.gov instead of wolfeborowaters.org as we are not a nonprofit organization. Julie Brown and Abby Adams will talk with IT.

- Rust Pond report: Art Slocum and Libby Peard reported that the Selectman approved the \$23,000 match for the approved 319 Grant. The grant will fund the design of BMP practices, a study to determine dredging feasibility and to perform public outreach. Work will begin fall of 2023.
- White Gate Road update was given by Warren Muir. No news as to the final solution to prevent another washout as occurred in December 2022. That event flooded the area and allowed stormwater to enter Lake Winnepesaukee. LWA has received a grant that will fund the DESIGN of the mitigation strategy.
- Port Wedeln project was discussed. This has been reviewed by Stantac and a new design which includes holding tanks for heavy rains was reviewed. This is still a work in progress.
- Hunter Market issues were reviewed. The NHDES has signed off on the proper removal of the debris that remains after the fire at Hunter's Market. This is good news. The committee has drafted a letter to the Planning Board urging that the existing shorefront regulations be upheld as the Hunter's rebuild goes forward. These 2022 regulations were revised so that surface waters such as nearby Lake Winnepesaukee, would be protected from stormwater runoff.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Abigail Adams