

**Town of Wolfeboro  
Wolfeboro Waters Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Great Hall  
February 6, 2023**

**Present:** Abigail Adams; Kathy Barnard; Rich Masse; Warren Muir; Linda Murray, Chair; Libby Peard; Art Slocum; Tavis Austin, Town Planner; Mary Devries arrived at 1:28 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Linda Murray at 1:03 p.m.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 9, 2023, meeting were approved with some minor corrections; Warren and Libby abstained.

**MITIGATION AND PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Wolfeboro Bay Watershed Management Plan/Environment Study**

Art and Warren reported that they have been invited to join the Steering Committee for the Wolfeboro Bay project.

**Shorefront Residential District zoning regulation**

The committee reviewed comments provided by M&P relative to the town's existing shorefront zoning. Regarding the source of impervious cover numbers provided during review of proposed development in the shorefront, Tavis indicated that an applicant's site plan is used.

Committee members focused on an existing provision that allows eliminates the need for an engineered stormwater management plan for an applicant whose plan either makes no change in impervious cover or reduces such cover by a minimum of 1 percent. Tavis indicated that applicants do in fact avail themselves of that provision.

Libby said that numbers provided to the town can seem arbitrary.

Kathy proposed that the area of buildings on a plan should be calculated separately from the total impervious cover.

Art argued that as-built photos should be required on any project.

Tavis said that any plan developed for a site is included as part of permits issued for it.

With regard to the required shorefront tree and shrub buffer, Tavis indicated, in response to a question from Kathy, that the engineer developing a site plan is responsible for the point count.

A discussion ensued regarding the provision for removal of diseased trees, with committee members expressing concern about how the determination is made that certain trees need to be removed. Tavis indicated that he would provide a rewording of the current provisions, with members stressing a need for a requirement that trees need to be terminally diseased to qualify for removal.

Tavis expressed the view that all development in the shorefront should require a stormwater management plan.

He left the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

### **ASSESSMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

Warren proposed sending a letter, in the name of the Wolfeboro Waters Committee and endorsed by the Board of Selectmen, to the state Department of Environmental Services and the NH Cyanobacteria Plan Advisory Committee, emphasizing findings from local research that emphasizes the importance of sediments in the life cycle of cyanobacteria. The letter would be signed by all committee members.

Warren indicated that a report underlying these findings had already been sent to Amanda McQuaid at UNH.

The committee approved the proposal unanimously.

Warren also reported that UNH Extension Services was advertising for an intern to work for 6 weeks with Wolfeboro Waters and that Extension was asking that the intern be broadly involved in all the work of the committee.

Committee members were reminded that the Assessment Subcommittee has a meeting with local lake association representatives on March 21.

Lastly, Warren reported that Andra Dekkers and Beth Marcoux were stepping up their involvement with Assessment Subcommittee work and that Emilie Clark would be taking the lead on sampling of local water bodies, with the aim of securing at least a couple of samples for each lake in town.

### **COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

The committee was told that Mary would be submitting to the Granite State News one article per month regarding Wolfeboro Waters projects.

Abby asked the committee what issues members want to see communicated to the community. Answers included the Wolfeboro Bay watershed plan, issues related to snow removal and fertilizer, and progress on various other projects such as Port Wedln.

## **RUST POND – NORTH INLET UPDATE**

The committee was told that the hydrology evaluation by CEI had received a funding match in December and approved by the Governor and Executive Council.

## **WHITEGATE LANE – STORMWATER ISSUE**

Linda reported that the town had done some cleanup work related to stormwater problems originating upslope of the neighborhood.

## **ALBEE BEACH**

Linda proposed that the Mitigation and Prevention Subcommittee's recommendation for dealing with stormwater issues at the beach be sent from the full committee to the Board of Selectmen and the town manager, to be eventually passed on to DPW Director Steve Randall. The motion was approved.

## **2023 WARRANT ARTICLES**

Linda reported that the warrant would include articles for:

- Work at Forest Road and Varney Road
- Tree removal
- Port Wedln
- Route 28 to the Alton town line, with a public hearing set for later in the month

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Warren asked whether it might be possible to have Steve Towne, an engineer interested in environmental issues, onto the Mitigation and Prevention Subcommittee. Rich suggested the possibility of having Steve and others like him have a hybrid involvement so that they can provide feedback as needed without participating as full-time members of the subcommittee.
- With regard to the Huggins-owned shoreline on Crescent Lake, which has been the subject of attention for the chaotic condition of stormwater mitigation structures on the site, Kathy reported that representatives of the hospital's facilities department would be getting together with the Town Manager to plan a way to deal with issues there. The state will be involved as well because of runoff from Route 28.

## **Next meeting**

The next meeting was set for Monday, March 9, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Wolfeboro Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Masse  
March 19, 2023