

**Town of Wolfeboro  
Wolfeboro Waters Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wolfeboro Public Library  
March 20, 2023**

**Present:** Abigail Adams; Kathy Barnard; Julie Brown; Mary Devries; Rich Masse; Warren Muir; Linda Murray, Chair; Libby Peard; Bree Rossiter; Art Slocum; and Andra Dekkers (with Assessment Subcommittee)

The meeting was called to order by Linda Murray at 1:01 p.m.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 6, 2023, meeting were approved.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REAPPOINTMENT**

Committee members with terms expiring in 2023 agreed to the following reappointments:

Rich Masse	Term expires in 2024
Warren Muir	Term expires in 2025
Art Slocum	Term expires in 2025
Kathy Barnard	Term expires in 2026

Julie Brown was newly appointed with term expiring in 2026, and Mary Devries agreed to continue as alternate.

**MITIGATION AND PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

The study and resulting plan are to be completed by fall of 2024. In keeping with Bree's encouragement to share watershed concerns, Art Slocum passed along documentation about Rust Pond run-off issues along Route 28. And, Julie Brown met with Pat Tarpey to discuss issues related to areas where watersheds overlap.

**Shorefront Residential District zoning regulation**

The committee reviewed M&P's recommended revisions to the town's existing shorefront zoning regulations. These were favorably received and additional suggestions were made:

- Shorefront lot improvement standards A.(1)(a) – In addition to requiring that stormwater systems be “properly maintained”, committee members proposed adding “with maintenance reports submitted five years after installation and then every five years subsequent. Failure to report will be addressed by the town's Code Enforcement Officer.”
- Shorefront lot improvement standards B.(3)(d) – It was agreed that the Diameter Scoring table should be consistent with the State's, using “Greater than 3 and including 6” and “Greater than 6 and including 12”.
- Shorefront lot improvement standards B.(1)(f) and C.(6) – It was recommended that a footnote be added to sections addressing “dead, diseased, or unsafe trees” asking the Planning Board to

consider tasking the town's Tree Warden with inspecting trees before they are removed. DES provides a fact sheet on dead and diseased trees that could also be shared with the Planning Board.

Rich will update document including these additions so that committee members can review at April meeting. When document sign-off is received, Linda will share with the Board of Selectmen (as an FYI) before sharing with the Planning Board.

For future discussion:

Julie recommended looking at residential roads (especially camp roads) and driveways, because she sees these as big "lake loaders". Linda will include this in a future meeting agenda.

Linda removed "Wolfeboro Nonconforming Structure" from the agenda and tabled discussion of "The Town's process for the protection of surface waters by enforcement and application of the Towns' Storm Water Regulations and Shoreline Protection Regulations for building projects" for another meeting.

### **Questions to Ask before Project Approval**

This list of questions, compiled by Julie and Bree and intended to launch important conversation prior to project approval, was favorably received by committee members. Bree will make a few edits (Whitegate Road, italicized notes, and SCMs added to BMPs in question 7). When document is complete, the Wolfeboro Waters Committee, in conjunction with Wentworth, Winnipisaukee, and Rust Pond lake associations (represented at meeting) will send to the Board of Selectman recommending that it be shared with department heads.

### **Albee Town Beach**

Letter went to BOS and hiring CEI for design to address washouts was approved, but there has been no update from the Department of Public Works on next steps.

### **ASSESSMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

Warren shared that the letter sent to NH Department of Environmental Services from Wolfeboro Waters, highlighting research findings that emphasize the importance of sediments in the life cycle of cyanobacteria, was very well received.

The Assessment Subcommittee has a meeting with local lake association representatives on March 21. Warren plans to continue the conversation about expanded sediment sampling. Total flow measurements are also on the agenda.

Warren also reported that a summer intern has been selected to work for 6 weeks with Wolfeboro Waters. And, the Assessment Subcommittee would like to add Frank Marcoux as member. Bree made a motion to approve, seconded by Kathy, and all approved.

### **COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Abby reported that Mary is submitting a monthly article to the Granite State News regarding Wolfeboro Waters projects. These are also posted on Facebook page and on the town website.

A spring newsletter is slated to go out in early April. Abby asked if members had additional content suggestions. Julie suggested an announcement about this year's Wolfeboro Water Summit, scheduled for May 13, from 9am - 12pm. Forest Bell, CEO of FB Environmental, will be the keynote speaker.

### **RUST POND – NORTH INLET UPDATE**

No update on next steps. Libby and Art hope to learn more from Tavis before next WW meeting.

### **WHITEGATE ROAD!**

Though there was no update on addressing stormwater issues, Warren reminded that Whitegate is a Road not a Lane.  
steps.

### **ROUTE 28 DOT PROJECT**

Linda reported there was a good turnout for the DOT public hearing on February 16. Committee members who attended the hearing reported that there has been little attention paid to drainage issues. Julie encouraged conversation about this at a higher level (Jim and Steve?) because of non-response by DOT to shared concerns. Libby hopes follow-up will include drainage planning for the segment extending from Pleasant Valley Road intersection and south on 28 to avoid negative project impacts on Rust Pond.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Storm Drain Labels**

A proposal to label the Town's storm drains, educating the public that these take pollutants directly into area waters, was presented to the Board of Selectmen. Next step is to schedule the work to get this done. Abby volunteered to track progress on this project and report back.

#### **Road Salt Use**

Linda shared a communication from Steve indicating DPW has started using a molasses and magnesium chloride mix to de-ice roads in really cold weather. Committee members hope to learn more from Steve (and DOT?) about modifications to de-icing/plowing protocols. With conductivity numbers rising in area lakes, has salt usage declined year over year?

#### **Assessment Subcommittee Expenses**

A motion was made by Linda, seconded by Julie, and passed to authorize allocation of \$1000 to the Assessment Subcommittee to cover expenses.

#### **Next meeting**

The next meeting was set for Monday, April 17, 2023, at 1:00 pm at the Wolfeboro Public Library. (Members, please note time was changed to 1:30 pm following the meeting.)

Respectfully submitted,  
Libby Peard  
March 29, 2023