

WOLFEBORO WATERS COMMITTEE

January 8, 2024 at 1:00 pm

Town Hall Great Hall

Minutes

Present: Linda Murray, Julie Brown, Rich Masse, Art Slocum, Abigail Adams, Kathy Barnard, Beth Marcoux, Brad Harriman, Mary DeVries, and Bree Rossiter, Libby Peard

Absent: Warren Muir

- 1) **Call to order:**
2. **Approval of Minutes-** Kathy Barnard moved and Rich Masse Seconded to accept the December 4, 2023 minutes. All members voted yes. Julie B. and Libby P abstained. The motion was passed.
- 2) **Wolfeboro Bay Watershed Management Plan-** See attached. The Advisory Committee will meet on this. Julie and Warren and Bree are all on that committee. The date has not been set. No comments on plan at this time. Everyone was glad to see the plan shaping up and looked through the sites noting some of the high need sites and the high costs associated with remediation.
- 3) **Library landscaping project-** installed drainage system is not working as designed. The landscaping project will address the issue if money allows. Attached please find the landscaping design that will go to the Library Trustees at 3:30 today. Any Comments for the Trustees? Design is attached.

-Designed by Horten Whitten Designers. The plans are small and hard to read.

-Julie B.: Wondering about the use of rain gardens to treat that large of a runoff area on commercial properties. Discussion amongst members. Agreed that rain gardens require lots of maintenance to be effective over time. Is there a maintenance plan? That needs to be the case no matter the type of BMP installed. Who is responsible for that maintenance. Suggested that they add a sediment trap BMP and a possible filtration system- like the one at the public safety building.

-The load reduction estimates were requested for TDS/ TSS. Are these being addressed with this plan?

- 4) **319 grants:**
 - a. Rust Pond 319 Grant-BOS approved accepting funds for the 2023 grant. There were questions about where this stood in the town's hold of funds or the states dissemination of funds to that Rust Pond could move forward with planning phase of the grant that is now running behind schedule. Libby showed a copy of the plan she recently received from Tavis from CEI. Linda requested a copy. It was suggested to Libby that she check in with Jim Pineo and with Jeff Marquiox from DES.
 - b. Wentworth Watershed Association was unsuccessful in receiving 319 funding for the S. Main Street project/ Kingswood Acres. Feedback was that there were more groups applying for funds, less funds to go around and that other big-ticket projects took priority. WWA received 604b funding at 16,500 to update their watershed management plan. The total cost of that work is 45,000. Julie as the rep for the WWA suggested that the matching funds set aside for 319 matching grant funds that are no longer play be considered for use to help offset the costs of the planning. Julie suggested that with more lakes with watershed management plans in the state that Wolfeboro Waters needs to plan for self-funding or finding other sources for funding large BMP installation projects. Money should be distributed in a more planned way and equally amongst water bodies in the town. Julie suggested a subcommittee to put together a suggested plan for spending that is equitable. It was suggested that that work could be done by the Prevention and Mitigation subcommittee. Julie will join that committee for this work. It was also suggested that some of the smaller projects could be completed during routine maintenance by the town. Identifying some of those smaller projects that were suggested in the watershed management plans made sense to the group.

- 5) Full group discussed several lake significant Bills that are currently being brought before NH state house right now. Wake boat bill, fertilizer bill, boat registration decal bill. State cyano fund went to finance committee with \$350,00 or the million-appropriation going to Lake Kanisaka for alum treatment for prolonged and persistent cyanobacteria treatment. There were 301 letters of support for this appropriation. No money will go anywhere until the state has an approved budget.
- 6) **Route 28 project:** Still waiting to hear from Tavis where the State is on this project.
- 7) **Public Safety Building-** Article 11 passed. The drainage plan.
- 8) **Road Salt used on Road:** Continue looking at salt use on roads and how it relates to water quality and then use best management practices as they evolve. Talk about the over salting of the intersection of Gov. Wentworth Hwy and Center Street by 711. Brad explained that this the area where three of the plow routes meet and that is likely why it is occurring. All of Wolfeboro is DOT district 3. Juile requested that Brad reach out to them on behalf of the town. That particular area is directly next to Fernald Brook and adding forever chemicals directly into a major tributary of Lake Wentworth. Could DOT identify one truck that is responsible for that intersection so that it isn't over salted.
- 9) **Dockside Parking Lot drainage-** on hold. **There is an issue with a broken drainage pipe.**
- 10) **A Plan for Storm Drain Stenciling:** In 2023 used blue paint. Is it the right color. The group all said they didn't see it but understand why blue was chosen. A white or yellow paint would be more visible. Linda said she would take this on.
- 11) **2024 Drafted Warrant Articles-** discussed by group- nothing of note or dissension.
 - a. **Port Wedeln- \$1.2 million** which is an addition of \$769,710 over the 2022 Warrant Article to pay for the increased cost of engineering, equipment, construction, and inspections of the Port Wedeln Drainage upgrades. This design system project was increased to cover 10-year Storm not just one-year storms. This will be a bonded warrant article. Still, work needs to be done to acquire easements and an agreement with the Port Wedeln Association. How is going to be paid for is still a big question. What part of responsibility is the HOA?
 - b. **Water Resources Non-Capital Reserve- addition of \$50,000.**
 - i. 11/9/2023 balance \$176,550 minus \$40,000 remaining \$136,550
 - ii. Project expenditures \$23,000 for Rust Pond and \$3,000 for Birchmont.
 - iii. The BOS approved spending \$40,000 from the Water Resources Capital Reserve Account for engineering from **Whitegate** Road to and including Partridge Road. The Town will cover the other \$40,000 until it is paid back.
 - c. **Jockey Cove Stormwater Design & Engineering-** The committee supported this WA after receiving a letter from the Conservation Commission dated 11/29/2023.
- 12) **Committee Reposts**
 - a. **Assessing subcommittee:** Group is meeting on 1/9
 - b. **Communication subcommittee:** met in November. Was quartly newsletters, now more likely 3 times year.- suggested to include lake associated warrant articles in the next news letter with information about them. Likely an interview with Steve Randall. Suggested to lead with something positive, not all bad news. Abbie asked for adjectives that describe Wolfeboro Waters- Julie suggested- Collaborative, measured, consistent and advocates for water quality. All waterbodies meet so we are all on the same page and sharing ideas.
 - c. **Mitigation and Prevention:**
 - i. Update: Wolfeboro Bay Watershed Management Beginning of the meeting
 - ii. **Shorefront Residential District: Rich- change mad that requires full amount of increase to be governed by level of impervious coverage. The planning board did not accept the suggested change- to do away with exemption when no change to pervious coverage is made. This is a potential change in the future.**

- iii. **Cathy and Brad from the planning board thanked Rich and the group for their hard work and suggested changes. Rich thanked the present planning board members for changes they were illing to make. They make a huge improvement to the regulations.**
 - iv. **Albee Beach- not discussed**
- 13) **Bridge Falls Landing Project- from Willow Street- Attached** please find comments sent to Rich from Lenore Clark Chairman of the Conservation Commission. Rich will report that proposal for the multi family unit behind Blacksmith Printing- single building with 6 units, 4 stories high, developer will need special use permit due to intrusion into wetlands buffer. Also, a site plan review. It was suggested that we endorse the conservation commission's comments. Also discussed that that isn't necessary. The group agreed with the con com's comments but didn't think an endorsement was needed. Instead the group agreed that what was needed was to have a WW representative- Rich volunteered make the following statement on behalf of Wolfeboro Waters Committee- The Wolfeboro Waters Committee requests that the applicant follow all of Wolfeboro's Stormwater Regulations without exception or waiver.
- **A motion was made by Art and seconded by Mary to endorse this statement on behalf of the committee.**

Proposed 2024 Budget- the group reviewed the budget- not questions or comments

Assessing		20,000.00
Testing	10,000.00	
Bigelow Labs	5,000.00	
Intern	5,000.00	
Communication		2,000.00
Educational materials	1,000.00	
Water Summit	1,000.00	
Mitigation and Prevention		<u>2,500.00</u>
Total 2024 budget	<u>Cut by BOS to \$21,500</u>	\$24,500.00
New Total		\$21,500.00

14) **Next meeting- Wednesday, February 21st at 1pm**

15) **Adjournment- motion to adjourn- Art, seconded Beth- unanimous at 3pm**