

## Wolfeboro Waters Meeting Minutes 1/28/2024

Present: Linda Murray, Warren Muir, Julie Brown, Art Slocum, Rich Masse, Beth Marcoux, Libby, Steve, Cathy, Abby, Mary and Bree by phone

Guests: Frank Marcoux, Dana Huff

- The purpose of meeting was to go over Watershed Survey Results.
- Linda asked about how rankings were rated low, medium, high when weren't matching P levels.  
Bree stated it was related to nutrient loading, costs, and difficulty to implement.  
Rich indicated it was also related to how much P per pound you can get with remediation.
- Warren – commented about the distance of some of the sites to Wolfeboro and how the impact of nutrients going into Winnepesaukee from those sites would be very difficult to estimate. In particular he mentioned Leavitt's Pond in New Durham. Bree indicated LWA agreed that sites that are too far should not be our priority
- Rich stated that at a past meeting WW asked mitigation to come up with a tool to assess these proposals. Rich indicated there is a draft tool for this use. It includes things like how far from water body of concern, what is impacted, what are costs of remediation, is there an agent/group in place to deal with it, etc. Rich stated the tool would be in draft form in a month or more.
- Linda indicated that many of the sites identified are maintenance.
- Steve stated the first several are ditch work or shoulder work. He said it would likely be taken care of during summer maintenance. Julie indicated it would be helpful if there was a priority list of what should be addressed first. Steve indicated they have a working list already—one example is broken asphalt on Sewall road that is scheduled for re-surfacing in 2025.
- Linda indicated that many in the top 10 are in other towns like Alton and New Durham. She asked the group to come to consensus on the top 3.
- Rich asked who do we think is using this list. Many of these will be used for a grant. Some felt that some of the top items would not be part of a 319 grant and should be taken care of by the state or town. Mary wants group to identify top items. Julie indicated it's the town who is the applicant for the 319 grant and the town will partner with them. Rich asked who is audience – who do we want to use this information. Linda answered one is LWA and the other is the town. Bree agreed. LWA is a big part of this and will be doing other watershed plans around the lake and will help to get these grants as well. Libby asked how we could be effective in facilitating sites like South Main Street that may not come up for 10 years. Julie stated having it as #1 on the list has some impact. Dockside is already being worked on.

- Julie stated that FB environmental is asking us to pick 3 strategies for mitigation; Linda and Warren thought the request was to identify 3 sites for priority. Bree stated they want local knowledge on projects identified to date and identify top 10. Dana asked if a good first step would be to have Steve check off those that are taken care of as part of maintenance – then look at the next 10 after those maintenance items fall out. Julie recommended eliminating all those outside of Wolfeboro but providing the list to New Durham and other towns who might want to work on them. Art asked if those residential areas that are totally private that are listed near the top (#5) should be included or be the responsibility of the private community i.e. the Corner of 28 and Winnepesaukee drive don't fit because it's a private road and not under town responsibility. Art recommended sharing this information with the private associations. Julie recommended partnering with people on private road to get the job done.
- Rich mentioned we should remove items that Steve can handle and those not in Wolfeboro and then begin to assess what our priorities should be. He felt he doesn't have enough information to determine the priorities.
- Julie recommended we pick the one that is most important to Wolfeboro Bay.
- Julie and Dana made the statement that other sources besides 319 grants should be considered. All 90 sites will be included in Watershed Management plans until they are fixed.
- Art recommended going to state for money to repair south rt. 28, but it should still be on the list according to nutrient loading.
- Julie recommended the group pick the first 1-2 that we think are most important regardless of ranking given in the report, then get designs for those.
- Linda gave the group 5 minutes for each person to identify their top 3: Went around the table and each reported.
- The following were identified by group members:
  - Town Dock, Foss Field, South Main street, Downtown, Lake Street, Back Bay boat ramp, Cate Park
- Dana informed the group that Foss Field and back bay were once the town dump – Linda is concerned that repairing Foss field might increase problems in that area due to what is already there. Steve commented that it will mostly be built up rather than excavated.

- Consensus was: (HW-1) Wolfeboro Bay Town Docks, (HW-10) Foss Field, (2-23-1) South Main Street, and (HW4) Main street.
- Steve will give list to Linda of maintenance items.
- Warren indicated Assessment group will be measuring stream flow and nutrients entering the lake.
- Linda recommended the town meet with Brewster to make suggestions for repair and ask about turf management plans.
- Julie wants to work with Steve to prioritize plans for what things need to be worked on and use the survey as a tool to work with DOT and the town.
- Warren suggested we work on suggestions for what private land owners can do on their own property to reduce nutrient loading from their properties. Julie is creating a brochure that will lay some of that out for property owners.
- Bree identified 2 bills that need support. SB 431 is being heard tomorrow at 1pm. LWA is opposing this bill to increase the setback to 200 from 150 – opposing it because don't feel it's enough. HB1301 hasn't had public hearing yet, but will be proposing a 500' setback for wake surfing.

Next meeting is February 21 st at 1pm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm

Respectfully Submitted, Beth Marcoux