Town of Wolfeboro

Wolfeboro Waters Committee Minutes (unapproved) 1:00 pm - Monday June 14, 2021

Linda Murray opened the meeting at 1:04 pm

Attendees: Linda Murray, Kathy Barnard, Arthur Slocum, Abby Adams, Richard Masse,

Warren Muir, Mary DeVries, Luke Freudenberg

Absent: Mike Turner

Staff Present: Wolfeboro IT – Beverly Woods

Approval of the Minutes May 10, 2021 meeting: approved with spelling correction

Mitigation and Prevention: Rich Masse: report on 2021 work. Watershed management plan for Wolfeboro Bay and Back Bay. Timing of award money will be middle of 2022. We need to discuss acquisition and management of money and whether there should be something on the Town Warrant. We need a total of \$90,000-\$110,000. Lake Winnipesaukee Association will administer with a steering committee of town citizens.

Assessment Subcommittee: Warren Muir: We will take the 2019 report as a baseline and continue from there, hope to have a draft soon. Assessment Committee wants input from Mitigation and Prevention re stormwater, so a joint meeting is suggested. There have been discussions with Lake Winnipesaukee Association regarding which entity would cover expenses for monitoring and a compromise agreement was reached.

Wake Boat observations: volunteers are being recruited. This is a very preliminary study. The concern is that wakes=turbidity=stirring up the sediment and releasing phosphorus.

A lot of monitoring has been in a central deep lake location. Deep lake conditions are not representative of conditions in the harbor, where stormwater runoff is the dominant force. We can ask residents of those areas to report, ask for volunteer observers. A form has been drafted. We need to make clear that this info is not being collected for regulatory purposes.

Thermocycle: 2 training sessions have taken place. The group is creating a guide for this. Tests are expensive, but we have received an anonymous donation of \$400, which will help.

Linda Murray commented on the stormwater issue for the Dockside parking lot. We need to do some analysis of the water coming off those buildings. Committees may need to meet together to address this.

Communication subcommittee: Abigail Adams: Update on the Facebook page: it's off to a good start. Fireworks discussion: does launching fireworks over water contribute appreciable to toxic chemicals in the water? It was felt that this was unlikely to be a significant problem.

Master Plan Goals: Salt in the water is rising, some from private use; we can minimize salt use, and that would benefit the water quality.

Budget: Mary asks if the brochure payment can be made from the Communication subcommittee's funds? This has been done.

Discussion of Planning Board's proposal to replace the stormwater regulations with an entirely new set. The Mitigation & Prevention subcommittee has discussed this issue. The committee had suggested a few alterations in the existing regulations, not an entirely new set. Before he left, Matt Sullivan had proposed submitting regulations for review by consultants. This has not happened. A working group will ask the Planning Board to reconsider that wholesale replacement, and to submit their proposed regulations for review by consultants.

The date of the next meeting is set for August 16 at 1pm.

Art Slocum moved to adjourn, Rich Masse seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:18pm.

-Respectfully submitted by Beverly Woods