

## **New Durham Water Quality Committee (NDWQC) Meeting February 14, 2024**

New Durham Community Room 6:30pm

**Present:** Maureen Knepp, Bill Meyer, Deb Geer, Mike Hudon, Casey Buell

**Absent:** Fred Quimby

Maureen K opened the meeting at 6:30p

**Minutes:** Deb moved and Bill seconded the minutes of 1/17/23 be accepted as written. No discussion. Unanimous approval.

### **Membership & Volunteer Recruitment**

NDWQC is in need of (1-2) interested people to be active committee members requiring monthly meetings throughout the year. Also will need volunteers to help test the water in the 6 ponds, particularly March, Marsh, Jones and Downing. This requires an hour of time on the water, once a month May-September. Particular need is for someone on Marsh Pond that has a boat/canoe and can access this pond

The request for volunteers for water testing and members were posted at the January elections, posted on 3 pages in FB, and posted on the Town Web site. Casey will try printing signs and send to Deb to put in the Town Hall, Community Room, General Store, Library, The F&G Club Pond and Casey will write an article for the Baysider.

Depending on the response will plan to have a training scheduled in April.

**Septic Survey:** Still 140 more properties to review, but will put this on hold till we can meet with the new Building Inspector to discuss the project, plan and follow up. Invited to April 17, 2024 meeting.

**Milfoil Update:** On 1/24/2024 via email from Amy at NHDES, found out that we will be doing both herbicide and DASH. Bids have been accepted from Aqualogic \$16,500. And Solitude \$29,670. Totaling \$46,170. Grant will be for 50% at \$23,085.

Grant has been filled out by Bill Meyer and signed by Marc Decoff and sent out 2/12 before 2/16 deadline.

Maureen went before the Select Board on 2/7/2024 requesting \$1650. For down payment for DASH (Aqualogic) and this was passed, contract sent in and signed 2/9 and sent out the following week before the April 1 deadline.

The Select board voted to pass the Solitude permit fee \$1400 (due March) pending passing of Article #9 Milfoil CRF on March 12, 2024. They have been notified we have accepted their bid.

Our current CRF fund balance is \$34,500.97 after 2024 treatment will leave us with \$11,415.97 pending passing of the \$15,000 in article #9.

### **Shaws Pond Eutrophication**

At the 2/7/2023 Select Board meeting the request for \$13,700 for the Shaws Pond Project was tabled until another competitive bid could be obtained. Although current bid was recommended by the former Town Administrator they would like to hear from another engineering firm, possibly the one that did Merrymeeting. Deb moved and Casey seconded a vote to contact FB Environmental Associates for a bid on the Shaws Pond project. Since Shaws is part of the current Wolfeboro watershed plan they were requested for both a Shaws Pond WMP and a simple BMP matrix. Maureen to handle.

### **New Business:**

1. Mike H discussed a project management decision making process to consider with all the ongoing projects and dwindling volunteers and members to decide which project deserves our attention first. What happens if we do not get volunteers for some of the ponds? Stop testing? No interest in the septic survey after all the volunteer hours? Delaying projects for another bid, putting stipulations on milfoil treatment, not feeling valued by the town.
2. Road Salt Discussion with Department of Public Works. Tabled till March 20, 2024 meeting. Unable to make today.
3. Wolfeboro Watershed Report. Picked 3 sites with the highest TP for repair (in 3 different counties). Wolfeboro will decide which to work on. Maureen to keep NDWQC informed.
4. Mark your calendars to plan on attending the Lake Congress in Meredith on June 6, 2024. This is a valuable educational seminar for the team. Registration opens in April and sells out fast.
5. Would like all members to take the Lake Smart survey at: [LakeSmart | NH LAKES](#)  
This educational on line survey and, if requested, in person survey of your property to educate lake residents of how to keep lakes clean and healthy.

Adjournment was called for, unanimously accepted 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Knepp Co-chair NDWQC