

New Durham Water Quality Committee (NDWQC) Meeting March 20, 2024

New Durham Community Room 6:30pm

Present: Maureen Knepp, Deb Geer, Mike Hudon, Casey Buell

Absent: Fred Quimby and Bill Meyer

Maureen K opened the meeting at 6:30p

Minutes: Casey moved and Mike seconded the minutes of 2/14/24 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. Casey designed signs and send to Deb to put in the Town Hall, Community Room, General Store, Library. Casey found and they do not do letters to the Editor at the Baysider. It mostly dealt with Alton. Poll of members only one out of 4 read this newspaper. Discussion considering adding to tax form a flyer request for volunteers on colored paper list 3 things that we do go out in June.

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. Meeting scheduled for March 21, 2025 1pm with Building Inspector.

Milfoil Update: 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. The Article #9 did pass and the Town Administrator was contacted the contract was signed and sent out on 3/14/2024. Solitude will invoice the town for permit fees. A list of abutters was also sent. Fred emailed about signs that will be mailed 2 weeks prior to treatment that will need to be hung on poles around Marsh Pond.

Shaws Pond Eutrophication

FB Environmental Associates was contacted and a quote was obtained for \$26,900. For a watershed management plan over 2 years. At the March 7, 2024 Board of Selectmen meeting Fred Quimby and Maureen attended and presented the 2 quotes. The Board approved the FB proposal for \$11,800.00 for the first year and recommended budgeting the \$15,000 in the 2025 budget for the NDWQC. Also it was recommended that the Shaws Pond Boat Ramp be

remediated with the NDDPW. A conceptual design for \$3-4K is needed and 3 engineering firms were contacted with current pictures, tax map and Wolfeboro Bay Watershed plan showing the boat launch as a high impact problem. The Weston & Sampson emailed back stating this would be \$10K. Awaiting other engineering responses.

Education:

Would like all members to take the Lake Smart survey at: [LakeSmart | NH LAKES](#) no one took the educational survey.

New Business:

1. Road Salt Discussion with Department of Public Works - No showed again. Mike Hudon brought up permeable hot top vs nonpermeable hot top as another reason the chloride is on the rise.

Due to the rising Chloride levels on NH Ponds and Lakes, we recommend that all ND snowplow drivers and subcontractors take a course given by the UNH Technology Transfer Center. Salt reduction is need on North and South Shore Road, Merrymeeting Road, BirchHill Road and Kings Hwy to protect our lake and ponds.

Some of these are free or low cost.

[TTC-E-0016 The SaltTea – Gossips and Truths About Anti-Icing Materials | UNH Learn for Life](#)

[TTC-E-0034 Calibration | UNH Learn for Life](#)

[TTC-V-0079 Winter Operations Strategy for Supervisors and Directors | UNH Learn for Life](#)

[TTC-V-0080 The Winter Road More Traveled – Winter Ops Strategy for Administrators and Elected Officials | UNH Learn for Life](#)

[TTC-T-0100 Snowfighters' Seminar 2024 | UNH Learn for Life](#)

2. Mike H discussed a project management decision format to decide what projects are more important. Have a working meeting to establish this.

- A. Milfoil: contract signed, funds accounted, grants filled out. Just follow up with Amy at NHDES to make sure all is going to plan.
- B. Septic Survey: Meet with Building inspector tomorrow and finish off project and have them do tracking of inspections of systems older than 35 years, not enough information and more bedrooms than septic design passed on to BI.
- C. Road Salt: Recommend as above to BOS.
- D. Shaws Pond Project: Await BOS approval and signature 3/21/24.
- E. Volunteers and recruitment for committee members. Continue advertising.

Adjournment was called for, unanimously accepted 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Knepp Co-chair NDWQC

