

## Draft Minutes

### Minutes of the New Durham Water Quality Committee

March 21, 2018

New Durham Town Hall, 6:30PM

Present: Fred and Cynthia Quimby, William Meyer

Absent: Art and Sue Hoover and Tom Rogenski

Guest: Mike Gelinis

Fred opened the meeting at 6:35 PM and called attention to the minutes of February 21, 2018. While there were no additions or corrections made by those attending, since there was not a quorum present, a vote for approval was not taken.

Fred stated that there was no further correspondence from Amy Smagula of the NH DES but that plans were proceeding on schedule for the 2018 Variable Milfoil Treatment Plan.

Fred also corrected something he said to Art Hoover at the last meeting when asked if Ray Gordon's statement that the Hatchery will not need to be reviewed or permitted by the NH DES for before dispersing FeCl<sub>3</sub> precipitated fish wastes on agricultural fields. While there were 4 exchanges of emails between Ray and Fred, in fact Ray asked Fred to call him when he made this statement. Fred has requested this statement be put in writing.

There was some discussion about the confusion in the Trophic Reports of Jones and Downing Ponds from 1986 and 2003 surveys respectively. Jones Pond is also known as unnamed pond #3 Marsh Pond and therefore it was part of the NH F&G Biological Survey in 1938. And Jones Pond was stocked with brook trout in 1942. The trophic survey for Downing Pond reads that the trophic status for Downing Pond (eutrophic) was based primarily on vascular plants and less so on phosphorus, dissolved oxygen and chlorophyll-a. This is regrettable since had it been classified as mesotrophic we would be in a better position to demand lower discharges of phosphorus from the hatchery.

Fred reminded the committee members that when the USEPA holds a meeting in New Durham concerning the PMSFH discharge permit, someone should follow his presentation and remind the EPA that the phosphorus load into Jones Pond should be no more than 10 ppb.

Fred also sent out minutes of the last Cyanobacteria Mitigation Steering Committee, held in Alton, to all members and ask Alton residents if they wanted to volunteer to be on the WMP Working Group since now only New Durham members are serving on this WG. It seems funny that Alton is contributing \$20,000. and has no representation or direction on how it will be spent.

There was a general discussion concerning the RFQ/B document. Several people had recommendations for changes. Fred also sent the document out to David Neils of the Cyanobacteria Division of the NH DES (Jody Connor Limnology Center) and he has made additional recommendations and agreed to serve on the Committee to establish water quality goals for the WMP. David also provided Fred with the email addresses of five consultants approved by the NH DES and from whom the DES has received approved WMPs.

Pat Tarpey, Ex. Director of the Lake Winnepesaukee Association, has agreed to publish our RFQ on the Gateway website and to participate on the RFQ selection Committee.

Finally, Fred intends to send a copy to Jeff Marcoux, who heads the WMP section of the DES. He has already told Fred that our selection process will not hinder our chances to get NH DES approval of a grant application for the WMP implementation.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Quimby, chair, NDWQC