

Approved Minutes

New Durham Water Quality Committee (NDWQC)

Meeting Wednesday 17 May 2023

New Durham Community Room 6:30pm

Present: Mike Gelinas, Bill Meyer, Keith Barnard, Casey Buell, Maureen Knepp, Mike Hudon

Absent: Fred Quimby, Penny Meyer

Maureen opened the meeting at 6:32PM

Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting held April 19, 2023 were reviewed. Bill moved and Mike seconded a motion to accept the minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.

Old Business:

- Discuss membership and formally nominated by Bill M and seconded by Keith B that Maureen Knepp and Casey be Co-chairs. Vote was unanimous. Mike Hudon accepted position on committee.
- Wolfeboro Bay Watershed meeting in early May (unable to attend) Shaw pond information was sent in.
- LOCSS.org is ongoing project on Shaws Pond lake levels and satellites.
- Intern possibilities discussed but have not heard back. Withdrawn

New Business:

- Buffer Discussion with Planning Board 5/16/2023 represented by Mike Gelinas. Good discussion for 1 hour. Resulting in same version and any changes will have to meet again. No follow up meeting planned.
- Milfoil treatment Fred to handle this year and Bill to contact Fred. Mike G plans to paddle around Club Pond to look for Milfoil.
- Water testing schedule.
Noted mixer is missing this year. Keith will ask Bob Craycraft if this can be replaced. All lead people found this helpful.
Some of the equipment may need to be replaced. Van Domer hoses are drying out. Check with Fred/Bob Craycraft about replacement or where to get this replaced.

- S319 project – Casey is overwhelmed with the voluminous material. Next project should be on Merrymeeting Road by boat ramp. Need to find design, update site engineer cost estimate and file S319 Grant.
- NDWQC Worksheet – to delegate the many projects followed by the committee.
 1. Keith Barnard will investigate the Committee's budget and finances and write annual report. There are thoughts of an educational fund, petty cash, Milfoil treatments, and fees for UNH testing. Read annual budget and contact Town Administrator for guidance.
 2. Mike G sent an email from Governor Sununu concerning the fish hatchery: "We are going to use those funds to produce more fish in another hatchery, but we are going to do it with a new state of the art system that doesn't pollute the waterways. These systems are incredibly expensive, so it made more sense to consolidate the hatcheries when we rebuild the new wastewater treatment management system. This will all result in much better fish production for the state and much cleaner water. " New Hampton is the intended site.
 3. Mike G notes new survey stakes by Alton Dam. Rep Mike Harrington will contact DES to get update on Dam plans.
- Septic Survey – There is a Septic Workshop in Wolfeboro June 14, 2023 9am-12 and for our own education it is recommended to register. Brainstorming about Public Education, concerning the septic systems in the town and responsibilities of the owner towards the lakes in New Durham. Articles in the Baysider, FB town page, Town Website were all suggestions. Will continue the discussion after the Septic Workshop.

Adjournment was called for at 7:40pm with next meeting scheduled for June 21, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Knepp, Co-chair