

New Durham Water Quality Committee (NDWQC)

Meeting August 23, 2023

New Durham Community Room 6:30pm

Present: Mike Hudon, Maureen Knepp, Casey Buell, Bill Meyer

Absent: Mike Gelinas, Fred Quimby, Penny Meyer

In attendance: Debbie Geer

Maureen open the meeting at 6:35pm

Minutes: Discussion of the Flow Chart used to simplify the new Septic Ordinance was lead by Mike H. Concern of using "3 years" pumping cycle was brought up. Discussion over state regulations versed town ordinance ensued. Initially the ordinance is to get all septic tanks up to code then worry about maintenance later. The following rule was located after the meeting:

New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules show:

PART Env-Wq 1023 OPERATING REQUIREMENTS Env-Wq 1023.01 Septic Tank Inspection and Pumping Requirements. (a) Septic tanks shall be inspected for accumulation of sludge and surface scum at a frequency sufficient to allow the tank to be pumped by a licensed septage hauler when the combined thickness of the sludge and surface scum equal 1/3 or more of the tank depth. (b) For any septic tank having cast-in concrete baffles, the baffles shall be: (1) Inspected for structural integrity when the tank is inspected pursuant to (a), above; and (2) Replaced if no longer functioning as required. (c) Septage and effluent shall be discharged from a septic tank only to: (1) An approved or grandfathered effluent disposal area; or (2) A licensed septage hauling vehicle. Source. (See Revision Notes #1 and #2 at chapter heading for Env-Wq 1000) #11184, eff 10-1-16

Bill M moved and Casey seconded and the minutes were accepted as written unanimously.

Informational Business:

A. Casey has 140 more properties to review on Merrymeeting lake. Ongoing.

- B. David Reis voiced concern over Shaws Pond deterioration and came out on lake during testing and is interested in helping on Shaws Pond in September.
- C. Casey to request Stephanie to post on town web site link to "healthy swimming map" to notify townspeople of cyanobacteria alerts/advisories.
- D. Marsh Pond was found to have >100,000 Planktothrix cell/ml and it has been posted and Maureen put it up on FB community and News page. Mike G to retest in one week.
- E. The Town is requesting that the committee attend a Right to Know 91-A training presented by NHMA on 9/14/23 at 4pm in the community room. Please RSVP by 8/31/23 to Stephanie Lund Administrative Assistant.

New Business:

- A. Exotic Plant (Milfoil) Control Application for 2024 is due September 15 to Amy Smagula. Bill M to handle, Fred to get old form to Bill, Maureen to email Bill with electronic form.
- B. Fred spent \$135.00 for replacement parts for water testing equipment. Bill moved and Casey seconded a motion to reimburse Fred for this expense. Passed unanimously.
- C. The septic survey is almost complete. The Town did not budget money for a mailing first to owners with unknown septic systems then to septic systems over 25 years. Bill moved and Casey seconded a motion to use money in NDWQC budget for septic survey to defray the cost of a mailing. Passed unanimously.
- D. Capital Improvement Plan meeting is August 30, 2023 at 9am Maureen and Casey to present. Will meet with Fred tomorrow to plan this out.
- E. Follow up on Milfoil Survey on Coldrain and Club. Mike G pending Club.
- F. Review of results from July testing. Showing 2 tribes to Shaws with Phos over 30. Shaws Pond is now eutrophic or poor. Meeting with Fred to work on Watershed Management Plan for Shaws Pond.

Bill moved and Casey second motion to adjourn at 7:38. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Maureen Knepp co-chair