

Dublin Conservation Commission

DRAFT MINUTES

July 20, 2022

5 PM Town Hall

Members attending: Katie Featherston, Felicity Pool, June Brenig, Katie Wardlaw, Tom Warren, Jerry Branch, Jay Schechter, Chris Raymond, John Morris

Also in attendance: Andrea LaMoreaux, President NH Lakes

Meeting commenced at 5:00 p.m.

Andrea LaMoreaux from New Hampshire Lakes Association gave a detailed presentation on caring for Lakes. Their NH Lakes' new mission statement is restore and care for lakes.

She gave a quick overview of the major water bodies in Dublin. She also showed a graph of NH DES water sampling results for Dublin Lake showing some high phosphorus readings.

She mentioned three items that are of concern for all lakes. They are 1) invasive species, 2) rain swept introduction of pollutants (like phosphorus in soil/gravel) into lakes which increases growth and cyanobacteria and 3) drought/ heavy rains.

Some things to consider to help lake health are:

- the lake smart program for people to become aware of what they can do to help Lakes whether they live on near or far from a lake.
- The green Pro plowing initiative which seeks to reduce the use of salt.
- Identifying prioritizing and / replacing at risk Town Road culverts to prevent blowouts which introduce large amounts of sediment into lakes.

She promised to follow up with more information for us to use for Advocate articles and or applying for Grants and learning more about these programs.

Katie F. reported that the Conservation Commission has \$4,749 in remaining budget for 2022 and \$70,188.48 in the Land Acquisition Fund.

Katie F. reports that her Invasives article was not published in last Advocate so it may be in August. Suggestion that we put a NH Lakes article in sometime this fall.

Jay reports that he is meeting Sturdy Thomas at Rotary park to discuss work needed there.

Jay reports that invasive spraying has a waiting list. This is the first time he has seen this. Chris asked Jay to see if there is some way to allocate more money to spraying and try to cover more sites by adding extra time.

John mentioned the Select Board meeting to review Lake Road sign ordinance. Chris reported that the comments were mostly positive.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, John Morris, Secretary

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