

**Town of Chesterfield
Watershed Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2024**

Present – Bayard Tracy, Brad Roscoe, Dan Syvertsen, Richard Mellen and Marie Elena Potter

Absent - Selectboard Rep Judy Idelkope.

Brad called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

Review of Minutes

Richard made a motion to review the minutes from May 23, seconded by Bayard. Passed unanimously. Minor edits were made. Bayard made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Richard. Passed unanimously.

Richard made a motion to approve the minutes from June 4, seconded by Bayard. Passed unanimously.

NH Lake Meeting Review

Brad shared some takeaways from the meeting. One takeaway was that there may be a contact at DES to help work on areas of concern within the watershed. Second, the current consensus is that if money is needed from the State to remediate issues the Lake would need to be in really poor conditions. Therefore, Spofford Lake would need to get much worse to get money from the State. There was some discussion about raising private money and getting State permission to use it to remediate issues.

Richard shares his feedback from the meeting. He was impressed by the number of people in attendance and the general attention being given to lakes around the State. He went to a lecture on Cyanobacteria and noticed there are a lot of lakes in the southern part of the State dealing with it. A big cause is the warmer water temps earlier in the year.

Water Testing Plan

Chris shared the latest Total Phosphorus numbers and highlighted the new testing sites.

The new testing site on Pinnacle Springs shows excessive levels of phosphorus that go into the Moose Hollow Watershed.

Overall, almost all of the tributary sites had high TP in May.

Discussion ensued about inlets that could be focused on based on high flow and high TP. Three that were discussed are Camp Spofford Inlet, Ware's Grove Inlet and Moose Hollow Inlet.

Chris is following up with DES and Bayard Road's End Farm.

Chris brought up a new idea of installing a pipe to take water out of the deep spot to the dam and assist the recharging of that water that is no longer happening. Another option that was discussed is aerating the water.

Letter to Selectboard

The only response thus far was asking for more information about the protected water bodies, which Brad provided. We are still waiting for more responses to help provide direction for the committee this year.

Other Business

Richard shared an update on the Pinnacle Springs grant work. There is a meeting coming up in July. He also followed up with Mindee about the water coming off the lower section of Pinnacle Springs and they reassured him that they are focused on that section as well as the upper section.

Bayard talked about the 319 grant and the work at the Boat Ramp. It is coming to a conclusion and will be complete soon. The question now is what do we do next if we apply for another grant.

Chris and Bayard provided an update on the installation of the monitoring buoy in Spofford Lake. Could be in place early next year.

Bayard brought up the culvert at the Boat Ramp. It needs to be replaced. It was not in the contract, so it needs to be dealt with by the Town. They are getting prices for the work to be done.

Dan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard. Passed unanimously by roll call. Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 9:30 AM.

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Roscoe', written in a cursive style.

Brad Roscoe
Chairman