

Chairman Frank Lombardi called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Frank Lombardi, Vice Chair Donald LaPlante, David Chase, Marcia Hammon and Secretary Tina Wright.

Members Absent: Marcia Lombardi, Edith Worcester and Lisa Courcy

Public Present: Via google meet, Laurie Boswell and Sarah Slater

New Business:

Laurie Boswell from the North Country Alliance for Balanced Change (NCABC) joined the meeting virtually through Google Meet. She is a new member of their board since December of 2022. They are looking into having an event or activity to allow NCABC to bring more awareness to the issues here in the north country and the Conservation Commissions and local town is where we are starting Laurie . Frank said we are definitely willing to work with you. Laurie talked about PFAS, what it is, how it ends up in our water supply and what can we do as individuals to help protect ourselves. We would like to have an event at night, maybe with a movie and some speakers. Just to get things started and get people educated about what PFAS is doing. Protect our water. It's our natural right to be able to turn on our taps and drink our water. Wendy Thomas, a State Rep now that lives in Merrimack, reached out to her. She has been medically impacted by it. She's a powerful and passionate speaker and is willing to move her schedule around and come up here and be part of an event. Laurie said to bring awareness of PFAS in Whitefield, and asked if there has been any testing in Whitefield waters & wells. Marcia was wondering if there was any data from Bethlehem affluent and what has been collected. That a lot of it they have realized has slipped into the Ammonoosuc river. Frank asked Sara what her role would be with the environmental class. Suggested to maybe have the students do some data research on the local landfills. Sara said we actually did, we went to Whitefield transfer station and visited a site on Clover Lane that is being developed for apartments. The students have done interviews and have done their own waste audit and determined where all their waste went. Frank said that's concrete data that the people in the community should know about. Frank said I think we can do this in a fair way to share information, have a guest speaker wherever you decide to have this, a town hall or at the high school. You can talk about the big things like in Merrimack and the southern part of the state. Laurie asked where does that recycling go, what did they find out about where the items had been sorted and where they ended up? Sara said a lot of it ends up in the landfill.

Laurie said so the end result is all the recycling is still ending up in the landfill. Laurie said she would love to work with Sara and her students. Sara suggested doing this during the day, in school field trip for our students and field trip for the other schools. Don agreed pulling students together for more involvement would be the best way to go. He thinks there is a lot of power getting kids involved. Frank said if we keep it student centered, get the students on board, then it's a lot easier to get press releases.

Frank shared the NRI document with Laurie and Sarah
Talked about levels of phosphorus, biochemical oxygen demand (bod) and total suspended solids near the whitefield, nh wastewater treatment facility WWTF
Sara said she will create a google document and share with everyone.

Conservation Commission Funds:

The funds rollover issue will have to be taken care of next year at the 2024 town meeting.

Correspondence:

NHDES: Shoreland Impact Permit 2023-00088:138 Mirror Lake Estates Drive
Constructing a primary structure on site septic and driveway.

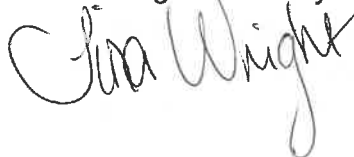
Minutes: A motion was made by Marcia Hammon to accept the minutes as is from the February 1, 2023 meeting. Seconded by David Chase. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carries.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. at the Whitefield Town Hall.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Marcia Hammon to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m., seconded by David Chase. All in favor, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tina Wright-Secretary

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Frank Lombardi-Chairman

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