

DRAFT Minutes for March 13, 2024

Darlene Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Attendees: Present were Paul & Darlene Johnson, Nathan & Sarah Warner, Pauli & Sarah Johnson, Ian & Mandie Hagan, Wade Pelham, & Cat Bardwell. Dave Bagley attended via Zoom.

Meeting Locations: Sarah Warner and Cat investigated the option for having the Annual Meeting in April at the Red Blazer. Pricing and menu selections were discussed and a room reservation fee of \$250 is charged. After discussion, it was decided to meet at Alan's for our annual meeting as the cost of the Red Blazer is prohibitive. Alan's has been reserved.

Treasurer's Report: Mandie reported on each of our accounts and balances are as follows:

3/11/24 Get Pumped Account \$1,114.56

3/11/24 Scholarship Account \$2,340.39

3/11/24 Operating Account \$7,240.99

3/11/24 18-month CD \$6,081.60 (Operating Account funds)

A Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated was made by Pauli Johnson, Second made by Darlene Johnson, and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*

February Meeting Minutes: The February Minutes were reviewed. Darlene Johnson made a motion to approve the January meeting Minutes as presented; Nate Warner Seconded this motion and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*

DES Report: Wade Pelham gave us an update on the ongoing Rules process. Everything is moving forward and on track; next step is to get on the April Agenda and put the Rules in place sometime this summer.

Wade also reported on the NHWPC Legislative Breakfast from earlier this month. Wade noted there was a very good presentation on energy efficiency as it pertains to waste and water treatment plants. There was further discussion on the potential of plan upgrades and lower costs in the future.

Water Council Report: In Larry Maznek's absence, there was no report.

GSOWA: In Larry Maznek's absence, there was no report.

WILD NH DAY – Darlene has been seeking volunteers to handle this year. No one volunteered again at this meeting. Discover WILD New Hampshire Day is set for **April 20, 2024**. This free

community event takes place from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Fish and Game Department at 11 Hazen Drive in Concord, NH. It was decided that we would not participate this year, but Wade Pelham will be there and will pass out brochures for us.

New Business:

SCHOLARSHIP: We have received one application so far. Cat will update the Facebook page with this information again, and all members are encouraged to repost on their personal websites. Scholarships can be accepted through March 29, 2024.

CAREER DAY at Hillsborough Fair Ground in New Boston as discussed at the January meeting: Kevin Kent volunteered to put a brochure together for this event. Cat will assist in this. Wade volunteered to pass out information for us. It was noted that Ray Bellemore has attended this event in the past, and Kevin volunteered to contact him for his input. We will offer any of our usual display materials from Wild NH Day to this Career Day, if wanted. No further progress at this time.

NHASH CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: NHASH posted a Notice of Intent to review these this year and asked for volunteers to form a committee on this, which was done at the February meeting. Volunteers on this committee now are Kim Hatch, Larry Maznek, Nathan and Sarah Warner, Kevin Kent and Darlene Johnson. A first meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 VIA ZOOM. Cat will send out notices again as only ½ of the committee have responded.

ANNUAL DUES: It was suggested that the annual dues be raised by \$5.00 for both voting and non voting memberships effective in January 2025. After discussion, it was decided against this for next year as we do not have any big spending plans or activities coming up to warrant this increase. Paul Johnson made a Motion to Continue our Current Dues policy without increase; Nate Warner seconded, and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*

All business concluded, Mandie Hagan made a **Motion to adjourn** the meeting; Darlene Johnson seconded, and all were in favor. *Motion passed.*

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cat Bardwell

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