

**Town of Chesterfield
Watershed Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2023**

Present – Bayard Tracy, Brad Roscoe, Dan Syvertsen, Charlie Paquette, Richard Mellen and Selectboard Rep Judy Idelkope

Brad called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM

Review of Minutes

Charlie moved to review the minutes from the June 1, 2023 meeting, seconded by Richard. Minor edits were made. Bayard made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Charlie. Passed unanimously.

Water Quality Update

Chris provided an update on the YTD results. Spring 2023 results were slightly higher than the Spring 2022 results. More data still needed to reach conclusions.

The May 24 results came in and had good results across the spectrum. No elevated levels of E. Coli at the beaches.

Initial results are showing higher levels at several upstream locations as opposed to the locations closer to the Lake. The one exception is the Clarkdale site.

Conductivity and Chloride levels continue to be high, which is in line with what we learned about chloride being in the ground and seeping out during the non-winter months.

We had a storm event on June 26 and Chris took some samples on June 27 to get storm event sampling.

More testing results are still needed before making conclusions

Letter to Selectboard

Judy reported that the BOS is passing along the recommendations as written to the Planning Board.

No discussion on how this committee should proceed next. It was discussed how to get feedback from other Town boards.

Judy will let the Planning Board know about the recommendations and passed along the letter to the committee.

Brad will request to be put on the agenda for the July 17 meeting to discuss the recommendations made to Selectboard.

Every committee member will send their availability for July 18 and Brad will pick a time that gets the most people to attend a meeting that day.

Zoning Permit

The committee discussed research of zoning permits from other towns.

Dan will use Surry's driveway permit to create a starting point for a Chesterfield zoning permit that the committee can use to create a recommended permit.

Other Business

Richard provided information from the Fish and Game website that reinforced their role in construction and maintaining the public boat launch. Either the Selectboard or Lake Association would have to act on this new information.

Bayard shared that the SLA Annual Meeting is July 15 at the Yacht Club. Anyone is welcome to attend.

The SLA held a webinar on Cyanobacteria. It was not very well attended. It was led by Kate Hastings of DES, who provided a great presentation. Two things that are increasing blooms are Climate Change and stormwater runoff.

The next SLA webinar is July 17 on Loons. August 17 there will be a webinar on water quality with Laura Deimer from FB Environmental.

The 319 Grant that is working on the stormwater runoff from Route 9, 9A and the boat launch. The engineer has finished the plans. About \$180,000 will be used - it will cover the design, oversight, materials and construction costs. The Town will provide in-kind contribution with manpower and machinery.

Bayard and Judy will work together to communicate timeline and plans with the highway department.

Charlie asked if there is anything we can look for to be proactive in predicting Cyanobacteria blooms. Nothing substantial at this time can be done to know when they will show up.

Judy shared the Town's application for the Pinnacle Springs grant is on its way to the Executive Council and a response could come by August.

Bayard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard. Passed unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2023 and the time is TBD.

Signature

Brad Roscoe
Chairman

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