

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Public Hearing – Lake Warren Water Quality Improvement
via Modifications to Pine Cliff Road
Approved Minutes for Meeting of July 16, 2024 at 5:00 PM
Town Hall, 9 Mechanic Street, Alstead, NH 03602

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Joel McCarty, Chair, Gordon Kemp, and Matthew Saxton.

STAFF PRESENT:

Name	Position	In Person	Google Meet
Misty Gratacos	Town Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shelley Steuwe	Recording Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prescott Trafton	Road Agent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jesse Moore	Director of Sanitation, EMS & Grounds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Murrell	Police Chief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Reynolds	Emergency Mgmt Dir	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: In person: Andy Dickinson, Tricia Bennett, Nicole Fabre, Tra Deyf, Ken Bergeon, Barbara Viegner, Marge Noonan, Ruth Pratt, Dawn Dunton, Robert Quaglin, Jane Quaglin, Tom Dowling, Rosemarie Dowling, Judith Willis, Joe Levesque, Sharon Spaulding, Nathan Perry, Nancy Potkin, Daniel Kurz, Barbara Davis, Robert Bulle, Miranda Spencer, Michelle Roy, Darren Perloyo, Greg Wright, Sally Rothkoff, Greg Bath, Judy Bath, Karen Weldon Mattson, Penny Gendron, Bethany Witten, Kevin Warzecha, Ed Hatch, Bileta Hatch, Chris Hatch, Karyn Kaminski, Russell P, Jerr Putnam, Joyce Campbell, Sharan Lavery, Lisa Tusveld, Rock Wilson, Jerry Blake, Anne Fletcher, Jeanne Brooks, Peter Renzelmar, Moira Lawlor, Annie Hess

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. McCarty called the Public Hearing to order at 6:04 PM and then proceeded with describing the intent of the hearing.

Mr. McCarty: The Selectboard’s goal is to make sure we know everything that can be known about a topic before we make a decision. A slideshow presentation and expert opinion will be provided, the hearing audio recording is not public and intended for the accurate recording of meeting minutes only. The minutes, slideshow, and printed resources provided tonight will be made available on the Town website.

Slideshow presentation and subsequent discussion (a list of resource links is provided at the end of this document):

“What’s Working”:

Sarah Webb, Chair, Alstead Conservation Commission:

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- The first hearing that she attended was in 2013, and dust, erosion, and widening of the road were discussed. The Conservation Commission (CC) and Lake Warren Preservation Association (LWPA; formerly Lake Warren Association) came together and assisted in the creation of the Watershed Management Plan, which outlined several solutions for slowing the decline in the lake's water quality.
- She walked Pine Cliff Road recently and surveyed the modifications her team had implemented in the area of the "swimming trail" (private property by the dam that the public may use to access the lake). These modifications included planting blueberry bushes, alders, day lilies, irises, and laying down mulch. As a result of their work, the swimming area has improved. Much of the vegetation has continued to grow and the natural buffer has increased. She noted that handouts were available that described how to implement a natural buffer like this.
- Unfortunately, the road continues to widen each time it is graded. Initial studies performed on the road recommended narrowing it via a natural buffer, but this gets wiped away when it is graded.
- There is a property and private road on Pine Cliff Road which dump eroded material into the lake by way of a beach. The LWPA and CC can work with homeowners to remedy this situation.
- There are resources on this topic available to the public, via the [CC website](#), [NHDES website](#), and the [LAKE WARREN Watershed Management Plan \(swrpc.org\)](#).
- Finally, the Town has their own separate responsibilities, but everyone needs to work together.

Public Comment/Questions:

- Not many flowers and bushes are left (in the abovementioned swimming area) due to use of the space.
 - Ms. Webb - The important thing is that it's not dirt and mud. I will make note of replacing the shrubs.
- Is the swimming area public?
 - Ms. Webb - Private property, but available to the public.
 - Need to add signage about access/ownership.

