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Highland Lake Leadership Team
Watershed Management Committee
August 2, 2022
1:00 - 2:30 PM

Windham Town Hall, Conference Room 1
8 School Road, Windham

In attendance:

Dennis Brown

Kevin McElearney

John MacKinnon

Heather Hunt (notetaker)

Item #1 – Welcome – This meeting to focus on how to address remaining known Nonpoint Source (NPS) pollution sites in Highland Lake as there were not enough sites to submit for an EPA Section 319 Clean Water Act grant in the Spring of 2021. Next meeting to be scheduled for September/October to review 2020 Highland Lake Watershed Management Plan effectiveness.

Item #2 - Public Comment – No public comment.

Item #3 - Review of last meeting's minutes (3/21/22)– Meeting minutes accepted unanimously with one edit made to change wording of monitoring private road conditions to supporting private road initiatives.

Item #4 - Review the Highland Lake NPS Site Tracker to determine best ways to address remaining sites.

1. Highland Lake Association (HLA) and HLA's Grant Implementation Committee (GIC) maintain a Highland Lake NPS Site Tracker showing all potential water quality impact sites, mostly identified in 2018 Highland Lake NPS Watershed Survey, and current status.
2. All 2018 NPS Watershed Survey sites have been contacted by HLA with all high and medium sites having an HLA sponsor – someone who conducts one-on-one contact to see if the landowner is willing to address an identified problem site. If the landowner refuses to address or there is no response after multiple outreach efforts, the site becomes listed as "No Support" or "No Response".
 - a. Out of remaining High and Medium impact sites:
 - i. There are 11 no support/response, mostly are medium impact and residential
 - ii. There are 8 Targeted sites: meaning 8 left to be pursued to be addressed.
 - b. There are 47 Low impact sites that are no response/no support, mostly residential:
 - i. HLA believes there are diminishing returns in spending time to pursue these sites further; Instead recommends attempting to address sites through road associations.
 - ii. Could try to ballpark amount of phosphorus being contributed to Highland Lake by these unaddressed sites.
3. Next step strategies for addressing Highland Lakes NPS Sites:
 - a. HLA representatives (Dennis, Kevin, and John) to call road association leads this month to see if they have any sites to include in 2023 Windham Watershed Protection Grant application or a 2023 Section 319 Clean Water Act-funded grant application.
 - b. HLA representatives (Dennis, Kevin, and John) to also ask road associations if they would be interested in a road association site walk road workshop this fall: Tentative date September 7th or 8th starting at 5:30 pm / 6 pm led by an Engineer (CCSWCD or

one of the Towns) – need to choose which road to have the site walk on.

Item #5. Determine if septic system investigations Round 2 should occur:

1. Present Committee Members think HLLT's Ordinance Committee should take the lead on investigating if State of Maine's inspections of shoreland zone septic systems are being implemented during property transfers, if municipalities could/should increase ordinance language to augment the State's law, and if municipalities should regulate the impacts of short-term rentals to septic system capacities.

Item #6. Determine tentative next meeting to review overall progress on all action items of the Highland Lake Watershed Management Plan.

1. Date selections to be sent out for a meeting in late September or October

Item #7. Adjourn.