

Squam Lakes Watershed Plan Steering Committee Meeting

October 13, 2016

Present: Rebecca Hanson, Bob Snelling, Andrea LaMoreaux, Peter Webster

On Phone: Jeff Hayes

Outline of Squam Watershed Plan

Outline draft was shared with committee and discussed. Outline is based on other DES approved watershed plans and EPA list of required items in

- Water quality – will plan consider the future & what will happen if climate change causes warmer water? Best to think of this in terms of future recommendation.
- New data & resources – Lidar data may be available. Will Lidar data create new watersheds & re-define headwaters? Will it re-classify stream order? Could be a recommendation for the plan to look at Lidar and other new data to assess watershed.
- Will plan be static or dynamic? We will need to create a new document, but will be important to create a way to continually add to the information and update it.
- Add recreational use of watershed (boat survey, trails, etc.)
- Wildlife – include fisheries.
- Septic systems – would this go under management strategies? Likely be included in addressing non-point source pollution, but management strategies will be better defined after the model is completed.
- Timeline – June & Rebecca working on developing parts 1, 2, & 3.a-d. Hope to have these parts be fairly concise & draft by end of year.
- Watershed modeling (3.f.) – Rebecca's thesis will be do this. Doing a predictive model. Most watershed associations are using consultants to do this part.

Outreach Portion of Watershed Plan

Rebecca led a workshop format exercise about outreach goals. Summarized 1991 Outreach goals which broke education goals into youth & adult categories. Many programs and resources that were referenced no longer exist. What do we like from this old plan and should we keep? Youth programs focused on education and some effort on recreation, whereas adult outreach efforts focused on information.

Squam Watershed Plan Vision

- Need to share survey results with committee & online website
- Send any feedback on vision statement to June & Rebecca

DES 319 Funds

- Rebecca will be working on a pre-proposal to be submitted to DES next week. If invited for a proposal, will be working on in a few weeks. Funding will be for work to be done starting around June 2017.

Public Meeting About Squam Watershed Plan

- Next meeting likely to be in January. Working on a date & location.
- Try for a different meeting space (Holderness town hall?)

Next Meeting of Steering Committee

- Will try for week of Dec. 5 – will send out meeting poll and set date soon.