

WATER SYSTEM COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2008

Water & Sewer Plant
50 Waukegan Street

Meeting Opened: 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: John Edgar, Keith Forrester, Carol Granfield, Bob Hill, Jonathan James, Miller Lovett (Selectmen Representative), Chuck Lowth, Chuck Palm (Selectmen Alternate), Richard Roman, David Thorpe

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Bruce Bond, Chairman of the Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee (WWAC)

Approval of Minutes: The approval of the April 1, 2008 meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Tour of the Water Plant:

Bob Hill and Water Plant Operator Lee Bavis provided a tour and information on the plant operations. Highlights of the tour and information included: discussion of how the water system is fed from the town to the water tank; the need for a second location for a second tank, with the elevation of the second tank equal in height to that of the first tank; and an explanation of the SCADA system, noting that the current system is a very basic one that monitors the operation.

Everything is monitored seven days per week with on-call staff coming in for two hours on Saturday and Sunday each week. Samples of water are continually monitored and tested. This year, the State has ordered new water sampling every two weeks. It will be evaluated by having a courier take samples to Concord and will be more cost effective than utilizing Town personnel. Two Town employees are certified divers so outside divers do not need to be contacted when the need arises to have divers view the system.

The plant was built in 1988 and expanded to a second phase in 1992. It was noted that the current beds in the plant are at capacity, so expansion is needed elsewhere to accommodate the growth. Groundwater may need to be further explored for redundancy.

Agenda for April 17:

Chairman Thorpe discussed the upcoming agenda for April 17 and noted that Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Chair, Bill Bayard, will provide an overview of the CIP process at the meeting on April 17.

The Chair then proceeded to review the strategic plan timeline he provided the Committee, along with the outline of major issues and work domains. He requested Committee members review this information, to be discussed at the next meeting, and he suggested subcommittees be developed to work on these domains and then report on their progress at regular meetings.

Presentation by Bruce Bond:

Bruce Bond noted that in the spring of 2004, the Selectmen established the Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee (WWAC), which consisted of 16 diverse individuals from the five towns within the watershed (Meredith, Center Harbor, New Hampton, Holderness, and Ashland).

They met two to three times each month and utilized a consultant from Granite State Rural Water, as well as support from Town staff. It is strictly an advisory group, and the WWAC developed a Management Plan for the Waukegan Watershed, which is a balanced plan. The group reviewed land use in the watershed and identified potential threats and then developed recommendations to address the concerns.

John Edgar gave an overview of the location of the five lakes and ponds and the entire watershed area. He discussed a toxic study analysis that the University of New Hampshire will be doing this August/September. He also addressed other testing that has been conducted.

Bruce discussed the recommendation of establishing a low salt area on Waukegan Street and Water Street that was implemented this year. Other areas being reviewed include the septic systems around the lake, along with the impact of boats and other aspects, on the Town's water source.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol M. Granfield