

# Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 23, 2009

## Members Present:

Bruce Bond  
Bill Corr  
Randy Eifert  
John Hodsdon  
Bonnie Ireland  
Michelle Therrien  
Pru Tylenda  
Bob Vogler  
Tim Whiting

## Staff Present:

Angela LaBrecque

## Visitors:

Duncan McNeish, WSOA Director  
Taryn Hallweaver, Toxic Action Center  
Vint Choiniere, Park & Recreation Dir.  
Dan Harris, RealGreen Lawn Care

## **Agenda:**

- Approval of minutes of the August 19, 2009 WWAC meeting
- Taryn Hallweaver presentation on pesticides/herbicides
- Continuing discussion on chloride levels of Lake Waukegan tribs
- NHLA demonstration project
- Update on hazmat trucking issue
- Status of septic system health ordinance.
- Shoreline zone 30% impervious surface
- Boat Launch Port-a-potty
- Railroad track old ties.
- Other business

Having a quorum, Chairman Bruce Bond called the meeting to order @ 8:00 am.

## **Presentation on pesticides/herbicides**

- Taryn Hallweaver from the Toxics Action Center was invited to make a one hour presentation on the TAC's projects to help communities clean up and prevent pollution. Specifically she was asked to discuss their experiences in controlling phosphorous and pesticides used for lawn care.
- The TAC was founded in 1987 and has helped over 600 communities.
- An Integrated Pest Management (IPM) system is promoted to use organic, non-toxic fertilizers for lawn care rather than synthetic fertilizers and pesticides. Dan Harris from RealGreen Lawn Care says he offers and encourages his customers to use IPM, but it does cost about 25% more than synthetic fertilizers.
- Vint Choiniere said he is looking into using the IPM system for the grassy fields in the Meredith parks. If IPM were to be used, it would be a great example in Meredith showing its success and effectiveness.
- TAC provides their services with no fees; they do accept donations. TAC has offered to provide assistance to us to develop a plan to create educational items and perhaps regulatory items to minimize to flow of pesticides and phosphorous in to the water bodies of the Waukegan Watershed.
- **Action Item: Randy Eifert will draft a plan that will perhaps call for a WWAC subcommittee to address this subject.**

The **8/19/09 WWAC meeting minutes were approved** as had been updated.

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### **Lake Waukegan Chloride Testing:**

- August 2009 water tests showed the chloride levels remained as high if not higher than the May 2009 tests.
- Source of the chloride is believed to be principally from road salt with the possibility that water softeners could also be a source.

### **NHLA Demo & Knisley property:**

- Bruce Bond reported the Knisley property is proceeding to develop the property that was cleared a few years ago.
- Discussion ensued that since the property slopes significantly toward Lake Waukegan that it would prudent that the property be developed with a buffer to manage any runoff of the property toward the lake.
- A motion was made, seconded and unanimously agreed to write a letter to the Meredith Planning Board and Angela LaBrecque requesting that a buffer zone requirement be part of the approval to develop the property.
- **Action Item: Bruce Bond – Write this letter and send it to the Planning Board before their 10/27/09 meeting.**

### **Hazmat trucking update:**

- New Hampton has requested a formal letter on WWAC letterhead be sent to them requesting support to ban pass through trucking carrying hazmat material on Winona and Waukegan Roads. Bruce Bond has sent the letter. We are awaiting their response and support.
- Center Harbor and Meredith support has been received.

### **Septic System update:**

- No status updates from Meredith management have been given.
- Bruce Bond & Bob Vogler have completed the process of gathering the septic records for all New Hampton properties on Lake Waukegan, Lake Winona and the Snake River from the Town Office records. Bob Vogler has created an Excel file with all the data obtained so far.
- 73 of the total 209 waterfront lots in Center Harbor and New Hampton have no septic system documentation in the town offices. Also 26 lots have no Approval for Operation documents.
- Next step is to go to Concord to see if they have septic systems on record for any of the 73 lots and Approval for Operation for any of the 26 lots.

### **Impervious Surface Lot Cover:**

- Meredith regulations require no more than 30% impervious surface cover for shoreline properties. The Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act specifies no more than a 20% impervious surface cover within 250' of the water, but provides for 25% or 30% impervious cover permission if specific waterfront buffer requirements are met.
- Angela reported that the Meredith Planning Board does not review single family lot development. Only the Code Enforcement Officer (Bill Edney) reviews them.
- Bruce led the discussion to see if the WWAC wanted to pursue a more stringent impervious surface cover for the Waukegan Watershed. It was decided that the CSPA limitations would be reviewed. The topic was tabled.

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### **Boat Launch Port-a-potty:**

- In 2009, Meredith elected to not provide a port-a-potty near the public boat ramp. This was done apparently for budgetary reasons and probably the rationale that there is a public restroom in the beach area.
- At the WWAC request several years ago, a port-a-potty was placed during the summer months by the public boat ramp to be used by boaters, fisherman, scullers and Lake Hosts. The objective was to provide a convenient restroom facility so it not the lake would be used for personal relief. We request that the town reinstate the port-a-potty near the public boat ramp next year. The public restrooms at the beach are too far to be seen or used by boaters, fisherman and Lake Hosts.
- **Action Item: Bruce Bond – Send letter to the town requesting they budget for the boat ramp port-a-potty next year and subsequent years.**

### **Railroad Ties:**

- Bruce reported he walked the RR tracks all the way to Ashland. He observed hundreds of old, used RR ties alongside the tracks.
- **Action Item: Bruce Bond – Contact the RR Company to ask if they plan to remove the discarded ties and if not request they do.**

### **Other Business:**

- John Hodsdon reminded everybody that the Winnepesaukee Watershed Committee is holding a meeting on Thursday 10/1/09 @ 6:00 – 8:00 pm at a place to be announced. He encouraged WWAC members to attend.
- Bruce Bond reported that Thursday 9/24/09 at 7:00 pm in the Center Harbor Town Hall there is a meeting to discuss committing Center Harbor Conservation funds to acquire a 245 acre parcel of the Dane Estate to put in Conservation.
- Spear Property Status – Duncan McNeish reported that communication with the Robert Stowell is underway and that some specific issues are still being negotiated.
- Lake Waukegan VOC tests – **Action Item: Bruce will request the Meredith Water Dept to take one set of VOC tests before 10/31/09. The set of tests are:**
  - **Surface water at the intake point,**
  - **12' down at the intake point,**
  - **Surface water in Monkey Pond &**
  - **Raw intake in the Water Dept Bldg.**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 10/21/09 at 8:00 am in the Town Hall Annex.**

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These minutes were approved as had been drafted at the 10/21/09 WWAC meeting.