

Lawn Care WWAC SubCommittee Meeting Minutes  
October 7, 2009

Members Present:

Randy Eifert  
Vint Choiniere  
Dan Harris  
Tim Marchand  
Rusty McLear  
Paul Ristaino  
Bob Vogler  
Tim Whiting  
Alison Whynot

Staff Present:

Angela LaBrecque

Visitors:

Randy Eifert, Lawn Care SubCommittee (LCSC) Chairman called the meeting held at the Meredith Community Center to order @ 8:05 am.

SubCommittee introductions were made by going around the table. Members are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>e-mail address</u>
Vint Choiniere	Meredith Parks & Rec Dir	<a href="mailto:vchoiniere@meredithnh.org">vchoiniere@meredithnh.org</a>
Randy Eifert	WWAC	<a href="mailto:eifert@metrocast.net">eifert@metrocast.net</a>
Dan Harris	Realgreen Lawn Care	<a href="mailto:info@realgreenlc.com">info@realgreenlc.com</a>
Angela Labrecque	Meredith Town Planner	<a href="mailto:alabrecque@meredithnh.org">alabrecque@meredithnh.org</a>
Tim Marchand	Mill Falls	<a href="mailto:tim@millfalls.com">tim@millfalls.com</a>
Rusty McLear	Mill Falls	<a href="mailto:michelle@millfalls.com">michelle@millfalls.com</a>
Paul Ristaino	Meredith DPW	<a href="mailto:pristaino@meredithnh.org">pristaino@meredithnh.org</a>
Bob Vogler	WWAC	<a href="mailto:waukeworld@metrocast.net">waukeworld@metrocast.net</a>
Tim Whiting	WWAC	<a href="mailto:tlwhiting@aol.com">tlwhiting@aol.com</a>
Alison Whynot	Meredith Village Savings Bank	<a href="mailto:awhynot@mvsb.com">awhynot@mvsb.com</a>

Anticipated members, but not present at this meeting are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>e-mail address</u>
Bruce Bond	WWAC	<a href="mailto:bondbr@metrocast.net">bondbr@metrocast.net</a>
Jessica Ferren	Interlakes High School	<a href="mailto:jferren@interlakes.org">jferren@interlakes.org</a>
Chris Wald	Interlakes School Facilities	<a href="mailto:cwald@interlakes.org">cwald@interlakes.org</a>

Randy explained that he felt this subcommittee would run for about 4 to 5 months, meeting once per month on the first Wednesday of each month.

Vint Choiniere reported that he is planning to do a phased in use of organic fertilizer for the Meredith Parks. His first phase will be the lower (baseball fields) and upper (soccer fields by the tennis courts) of Prescott Park.

Paul Ristano reported that the Meredith Dept of Public Works has been using what he believes is an organic fertilizer that he calls "chicken poop" for the past two years. Paul also reported that he has a significant knotweed problem on Meredith properties that he has been tasked to eradicate. He is in the process of obtaining certification to use pesticides for this issue.

There was some discussion on regarding the safety of human & pet contact and objectionable odors regarding fertilizers & pesticides. It was suggested that perhaps signs should be posted in the areas describing the material used and ensuring its safety to the general public.

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Angela reported that the Meredith Town Manager, Phil Warren, would sign the Toxic Action Center's Community Assistance Request when our subcommittee defines our goals. All subcommittee members agreed that asking the Toxic Action Center's assistance would be advised.

Bob Vogler suggested that perhaps landscaping Best Management Practices to minimize storm run-off should also be addressed by this subcommittee. The water's edge work done recently at the Meredith Park next to the Waukewan public boat ramp provides a good example for this.

Randy summarized the mission and goals of the LCSC subcommittee as these:

**Mission:** To shift the Town of Meredith, its business and residents, towards more environmentally sound lawn care so as to protect the quality of the Waukewan Watershed and surrounding lakes in the Town of Meredith.

**Goals include:**

1. Educate committee members on environmentally sustainable lawn and landscape care.
2. Educate public on environmentally sustainable lawn and landscape care.
3. Assist town and local businesses in creating a standardized organic lawn care RFP.
4. Assist the town in creating a town integrated pest management policy.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am.

**Next Meeting:           Wednesday 11/4/09 at 8:00 am in the Town Hall Annex.**

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These minutes were approved with one correction to the spelling Paul Ristaino's name at the 11/4/09 LawnCare Subcommittee meeting.