

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes January 20, 2010

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Bill Corr
Randy Eifert
Michelle Therrien
Bob Vogler
Stan Wallerstein
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

Angela LaBrecque

Visitors:

Duncan McNeish, WSOA Director
Sandy Mucci

Agenda:

- Approval of minutes of the December 16, 2009 WWAC meeting
- Continued review of proposed high risk septic health ordinance
- Update on lawn care sub-committee/discussion on 5 mile Pesticide Ordinance
- Update of Snake River property acquisition
- Discussion on impaired status of Lake Waukewan: low dissolved oxygen level.

Having a quorum, Chairman Bruce Bond called the meeting to order @ 8:10 am.

The **12/16/09 WWAC meeting minutes were approved** as had been updated.

Septic System Health Ordinance Review:

- Bruce Bond had e-mailed on 1/19/10, the 1/11/10 draft for *A Health Ordinance pertaining to the Regulation of subsurface wastewater disposal systems in the Lake Waukewan Watershed.*
- Bruce Bond reported that David Ames is working on the technical issue for Appendix 1 of the ordinance. The committee working on this ordinance is meeting next on 1/28/10.
- Bruce reported that he expects this ordinance to be presented to the Meredith Selectmen at an upcoming Selectmen's workshop.

Lawn Care Sub-committee report:

- Randy Eifert reported the sub-committee was working on creating several one page Fact Sheets to be distributed to the townspeople. The emphasis is to use no phosphorous fertilizers and no pesticides and to encourage the use of organic lawn and garden treatments. He also reported that a film on DVD is being routed through the sub-committee called *Chemical Reaction* discussing the harmful effects of pesticides.
- Via the Lawn Care sub-committee, it was learned that there is a State of NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Pesticide Control regulation Pes 502.05(a) that states – *No person shall apply pesticides within 250' of the reference line of surface waters or their tributaries used for public water supply for a radial distance of 5 miles as measured from the public water supply intake within the boundaries of the watershed surrounding that intake without being in possession of a special permit issued by the division upon consultation with the water division, department of environmental services.* For all practical purposes, for the Waukewan watershed this means no pesticide applications within 250' of the water's edge for all the properties in the Waukewan watershed.

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Spear property status:

- Duncan McNeish reported that the stewardship issues are being worked on between New Hampton and Meredith. This is a key issue to be resolved in order to receive partial funding from the Meredith Conservation Committee toward the acquisition of the 8.5 acre Spear property parcel.
- Duncan reported that to date, the Waukewan Shore Owners Association has raised about \$7900 for the acquisition of this property.
- Stan Wallerstein suggested that a new Warrant Article be added to the 2010 Meredith town meeting requesting approval to spend up to \$10,000 of the WWAC's budget allocation for the acquisition of this property. Stan has offered to draft this Warrant article before the Feb 3rd deadline for Warrants. The WWAC members support this Warrant article to be submitted.

Chloride Testing:

- Duncan McNeish reported that the WSOA has done another set of Chloride sampling with the results expected shortly.
- Duncan also reported that the Steve Doyon, NHDES Water Division is working on analyzing and summarizing the surveys submitted regarding the Lake Waukewan lake level. Final report is not available yet.

Considering the time, Bruce suggested the Dissolved Oxygen issue be delayed until our next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 2/17/10 at 8:00 am in the Town Hall Annex.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These minutes were approved as had been drafted at the 2/17/10 WWAC meeting.