

# Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes June 1, 2011

## Members Present:

Bruce Bond  
Bill Corr  
Randy Eifert  
John Hodsdon  
Nate Torr  
Bob Vogler  
Stan Wallerstein  
Tim Whiting

## Staff Present:

Angela LaBrecque

## Visitors:

Duncan McNeish

## **Agenda:**

- Approve minutes of 5/4/11 WWAC meeting
- Outreach letter on Stormwater runoff from shoreline properties
- Status of Foundry Ave property ZBA appeal
- Updated status of town letter to NHDOT on hazardous material transport trucking
- Status of septic system health regulation
- Other business

Having a quorum, Chairman Bruce Bond opened the meeting at 9:03 am.

**The 5/4/11 WWAC meeting minutes were approved** with two typo corrections.

## **Outreach letter on Stormwater runoff:**

- Stan Wallerstein proposed a package containing -
  - a one page cover letter to be signed by Bruce as Chairman of WWAC,
  - a seven page chapter on vegetated buffer design taken from the UNH Cooperative Extension's Landscaping at the Water's,
  - a one page update letter from Tim Whiting on NH Lakes summer project on Lake Waukewan,
  - a one page insert from Stephens Landscaping &
  - a one page insert from Donovan's Tree Service.Proposal is to mail the above package to all lakefront property owners.
- There was much discussion on this regarding who would fund this proposal, how much would it cost, how effective would it be, who would provide the mailing labels, is it permissible to include vendor information with a town letter, could this be accomplished via e-mail rather than US mail, etc.
- The following motion was made and seconded – *To print and US mail the above described package to Waukewan Watershed shore property owners; cost for printing and mailing to not exceed \$1200 taken from the WWAC allocated funds.*  
7 members approved; one member opposed. The motion passed.
- It will be submitted to Meredith Town Management for approval.

## **Foundry Avenue Lot 46, Map 23 ZBA appeal status:**

- Two different appeals were submitted to the ZBA regarding this property.
- A ZBA rehearing has been held with input from anyone wishing to speak to the subject; reportedly the ZBA is expected to deliberate and issue a decision on 6/9/11.

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### **Discussion on what should be the WWAC actions on future variance requests**

- Randy Eifert suggested that in hindsight, the WWAC as a committee should have written and presented a WWAC position to the ZBA on this variance request. He suggested the WWAC be more proactive in any future variance requests.
- Stan Wallerstein proposed that the WWAC should take the position to oppose any variance requests in the Waukegan Watershed.
- The following motion was made – *WWAC with the responsibility to enhance public awareness and facilitate education regarding water quality conservation issues will generally oppose any variance applied for in the Waukegan Watershed.*
- There was much discussion on this motion. Randy felt that a general position against variances in the watershed would allow a WWAC spokesperson to more easily represent the WWAC at a ZBA hearing, after a WWAC group discussion at a regular meeting, special meeting, or email discussion. It was also expressed that some variances may be beneficial and shouldn't be opposed; some felt the word *generally* handled these exceptions. It was suggested that rather than being the party of NO, the WWAC should be selective on specific variance applications that clearly may have significant impact on water quality and that the WWAC should meet, perhaps at a special session, to vote on the WWAC position for each specific variance. After considerable discussion, it was decided to table the motion for now.

### **Status of letter re: Hazardous Transport Trucking on Waukegan/Winona Roads:**

- Bruce Bond had drafted a letter in March 2011 to be sent to Mark Morrill, NHDOT Gilford. The WWAC agreed that the letter should be sent by Phil Warren with copies to State Representatives and State Senator for the towns of Meredith, Center Harbor and New Hampton. The letter should also have 3 attachments – Carol Granfield letter sent to NHDOT a few years ago, the Center Harbor letter showing their support and the New Hampton letter showing their support.
- Angela reported that Phil Warren wants this topic to be put on a future Meredith Selectmen workshop agenda.
- **Action Item: Nate Torr will pursue this issue.**

### **Septic System Regulation Status:**

- This topic is on the June 20, 2011 Selectmen's workshop agenda; expect it to be decided on at the next following Selectman's meeting from the workshop.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

**Next Meeting:           Wednesday 7/6/2011 at 9:00 am in the Town Hall Annex.**

**These minutes were approved at the 7/6/2011 WWAC meeting as had been updated.**