

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes July 6, 2011

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Bill Corr
Randy Eifert
Nate Torr
Bob Vogler
Stan Wallerstein
Dallas Wrath

Staff Present:

Angela LaBrecque
John Edgar

Visitors:

Duncan McNeish

Agenda:

- Approve minutes of 6/1/11 WWAC meeting
- Status of outreach mailing to shore owners addressing storm water issues
- Discussion of Selectmen's rejection of the High Risk, Septic System Health Regulation
- Discussion of appeal to the Superior Court of the ZBA's continued support of their Foundry Avenue variance approval
- Discussion on purpose, effectiveness and relevancy of the WWAC
- If time permits, further discussion on approach to NHDOT to weight or cargo limit on Winona and Waukegan Roads

Having a quorum, Chairman Bruce Bond opened the meeting at 9:01 am.

The 6/1/11 WWAC meeting minutes were approved as had been updated.

Outreach letter on Stormwater runoff:

- Angela reported:
 - Expenditure of funds has been approved.
 - Cover letter has been signed by Bruce Bond.
 - The Meredith and Center Harbor addresses of the Lake Waukegan waterfront properties have been obtained; still need the New Hampton waterfront addresses.
- It was decided to print the 7 page handout in color.
- Angela expects to have all the materials on Monday 7/11/11 to be available for stuffing and mailing.

Septic System Regulation status:

- Although 4 of the 5 Meredith Selectmen appear to be not in favor of the proposed regulation, having run out of time at their 6/20/11 workshop, they haven't closed the door on it yet.
- It has not yet been scheduled for a future Selectmen's workshop.
- John Edgar indicated he is working on a broader presentation of water quality issues which will give the failed septic system issue a better perspective to their impact.
- Additionally, John Edgar and Bill Edney have discussed an alternate outreach program to inform the properties that currently have no septic system on state's record to encourage them to have their septic systems evaluated by a licensed septic system designer and to be available to provide them some guidance on this evaluation.
- Stan Wallerstein proposed that perhaps the lake water in the vicinity of the properties that have no recorded septic systems be tested for ecoli or other toxins that septic systems can emit.

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- **Motion: To do testing at several Lake Waukegan sites in front of select, high risk identified septic system properties during the July/August 2011 timeframe. Request the town of Meredith design and implement this test. Allocate up to \$1500 for this testing.**
This motion was approved unanimously.
- **Action Item: John Edgar – E-mail to all WWAC members the list of water quality issues he has gathered in preparation for the development of the Septic System Health Regulation.**
- **Action Item: Randy Eifert – Will take the lead to create a bullet list of water quality threats and issues.**

Foundry Avenue Lot 46, Map 23 ZBA appeal status:

- At the ZBA rehearing held on 6/9/11, the ZBA decided to deny the appeal of the Selectmen and approve the variance as had been originally approved in March 2011.
- At a closed session of the Meredith Selectmen on 6/20/11, the Meredith Selectmen decided to take this appeal to NH Superior Court.

Discussion on the relevance of the WWAC:

- Tim Whiting has submitted his letter of resignation from the WWAC to the Meredith Selectmen and to the WWAC. The WWAC team thanks Tim for his many contributions to the WWAC for the past seven years.
- Bruce Bond has also submitted his resignation from the WWAC to the Meredith Selectmen. Bruce indicated the business venture he is currently in, leaves him little or no time for the WWAC issues. The WWAC team thanks Bruce for his leadership as Chairman and his many contributions to the WWAC for the past seven years.
- Each present WWAC member was asked their opinion on whether they wanted to continue on the WWAC. All seven members present said they wanted to continue on the WWAC.
- Bruce Bond indicated he would like to remain as a member, but was uncertain about how many meetings he would be able to attend especially in the near term. All the WWAC members encouraged him to modify his resignation to remain as a member but not Chairman.
- We discussed the need to elect a new Chairman and Vice Chairman. Bob Vogler nominated Randy Eifert to be Chairman. It was quickly approved by all members. Randy indicated he was reluctant about taking the Chairmanship because he also has a full time job and family that demand his time. After a bit of discussion, Randy agreed to take the Chairman position, but with the condition that the meetings start at 8:00 am, a Vice Chairman is identified and that each member takes the action to find one new member for the WWAC.
- Having no other volunteers for Vice Chairman, Bob Vogler agreed to be Vice Chairman as well as Secretary.
- **Motion: That future WWAC meetings will be held at 8:00 am on the first Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall Annex.** This motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 8/3/2011 at 8:00 AM in the Town Hall Annex.

These minutes were approved at the 8/3/11 WWAC meeting.