

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2012

Members Present:

Randy Eifert
John Hodsdon
Carla Horne
Bob Vogler
Stan Wallerstein
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

Angela Labrecque
John Edgar

Visitors:

Agenda:

- Approve minutes of prior meeting
- Foundry Avenue ZBA variance update
- High Risk Septic Systems - Plan for Public Hearing

Having a quorum at 8:08 am, Chairman Randy Eifert opened the meeting.

The 9/5/2012 WWAC meeting minutes were approved as had been drafted.

Foundry Avenue ZBA Variance update:

- No new information.

Septic System Regulation update:

- This regulation was the only topic at the Meredith Selectmen's workshop on Sept 17th. Time ran out to complete the discussion so the Selectmen agreed to continue the discussion at a future workshop.
- The discussion continued at the Meredith Selectmen's 10/1/2012 workshop. No decision was made at this workshop, but it appeared there was support for the regulation from the Selectmen. Randy asked that the Selectmen call for a Public Hearing on the Regulation perhaps in the November 2012 time frame.
- At this WWAC meeting, it was discussed on when to have the Public Hearing. Since Phil Warren was on vacation, it was suggested that we talk to him upon his return on when to have the Public Hearing. While it might be good to have it in the summertime when more property owners are here, it was also felt that sooner is better in order to not lose the momentum we currently have. The WWAC members thought 11/19/2012 might be a good day for the Public Hearing.
- John Edgar pointed out that the level of impact on this regulation is wider than just the lakefront property owners:
 - Town businesses rely on town water from Lake Waukegan.
 - Losing Lake Waukegan as a water source would be costly to all Meredith residents if creating a new water source were needed.
 - Lake Waukegan recreation loss impacts tourism.
 - Lake Waukegan recreation loss impacts property values.
- **Action Item: Randy Eifert – Update the Regulation draft with a date of 10/1/2012. Send to Phil Warren for him to decide if the updated draft needs a legal review.**

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Baird property on the Snake River:

- John Edgar pointed out that the Meredith Conservation Commission is working with the New Hampton Conservation Commission to acquire the Baird property which extends on the Snake River from Waukegan Road North to the Speare property which is already in conservation. The New Hampton Conservation Commission has the lead on this activity. When completed, this would put nearly all the New Hampton side of the Snake River shoreline in conservation. The Center Harbor side of the Snake River is currently protected via its Prime Wetlands status.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:19 am.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 11/7/12 at 8:00 AM in the Town Hall Annex.

These minutes were approved as drafted at the 11/7/12 WWAC meeting