

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes November 6, 2013

Members Present:

Bill Corr
Randy Eifert
John Hodsdon
Duncan McNeish
Bob Vogler
Stan Wallerstein
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

John Edgar
Angela LaBrecque

Visitors:

Agenda:

- Approve minutes of September meeting
- LWAA grant updates
- “Soak up the rain” LRPC update
- Lake signage update
- Aerial Photos – New Link
- Continued Outreach?
- Review of 2013 Goals and Action Items
- Other Open items/Old Business
- New Business

Having a quorum at 8:06 am, Chairman Randy Eifert opened the meeting.

The 9/4/2013 WWAC meeting minutes were approved as had been drafted.

Note: The scheduled 10/2/13 WWAC meeting was cancelled.

Foundry Avenue Status:

- Randy reported he read an article in the Laconia Citizen that this property was once again applying for an appeal.

Action Item: Randy Eifert – E-mail a copy of this article to the WWAC members.

Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association Grants update:

Pat Tarpey was unable to attend this meeting, but she e-mailed the following status:

- Grant #1 for “*Development of a Watershed Restoration Plan for Lake Waukewan and Lake Winona*”
 - LWAA is finalizing the contract with FB Environmental to assist with the project. We are currently planning on holding the kick off meeting for the public during the first week in December, but have not selected a date yet. I will let you know as soon as the date has been selected.
- Grant #2 for “*Septic System Evaluations*”
 - Grant application materials will be mailed tomorrow to potential eligible property owners. Eligibility is based on location, approved operating permit on file, or system is over 25 yrs old even if have operational permit. Applications received by December 31st will be given priority. Deadline for applying to program is March 31, 2014.
- Grant #3 for “*Septic System Improvements*”

- Grant program will begin next spring to allow people to take advantage of the Grant #2 program.

“Soak up the rain” LRPC update:

- Dari is working with NHDES to develop an action plan. He expects to present this plan to the WWAC at the December meeting.

Lake Signage:

- Tim Whiting reported the signs Pollard Shores and Hidden Cove are now up. He said he has two signs left.

Aerial Photos:

- No update info was available. Angela agreed to check the status on this task.

Outreach:

- Randy reported that he had spoken with Rhonda M. Hanaway, Executive Director Career Partnership Program, Greater Meredith Program / Inter-Lakes School District. There are two students identified as candidates during the second term who might be interested in interning with the WWAC. Randy will continue to pursue.
- A discussion was had on how to inform the watershed town managements and property owners on WWAC activities. Bob Vogler mentioned that he has agreed to send a quarterly report on WWAC activities to the Center Harbor Selectmen. John Edgar suggested that the quarterly report be sent to the New Hampton, Ashland & Holderness Selectboards too as well as the property owners e-mail list that we have compiled. The quarterly report will provide a brief summary of the WWAC activities and a link to the approved WWAC meeting minutes on the Meredith website.

Action List update:

- In September, Bob Vogler had drafted an update of the WWAC Action List and e-mailed the action list spreadsheet to all members.
- **Action Item: All members - At this meeting all members agreed to review the draft and send any additions/corrections to Bob Vogler, who will incorporate these for the December meeting.**

Old/New business:

- Fogg Hill Land Conservation Campaign - John Edgar reminded us that the Lakes Region Conservation Trust is doing a fund raiser to acquire this 192 parcel in Center Harbor. See <http://lrct.org/land-conservation/fogg-hill-campaign/> for details on this effort.
- Annual WWAC report for the Meredith Town Report – Randy was reminded that our report needs to be submitted by the end of December.
- Bob Vogler reported that he and John Hodsdon had attended Steve Kahl’s presentation *The Inconvenient Truth – The Future of Stormwater Management* at PSU on 9/18/13. The main point of his presentation was a concept of Stormwater Utilities which by his definition is a utility that collects revenue to manage stormwater by assessing a fee based on the amount of impervious surface a property has. Property owners would have an incentive to offset the impervious fee by installing credits such as Rain barrels, Rain Gardens, Tree Box Filters, Cement pavers bedded in pea gravel and porous asphalt or porous cement.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:42 am.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 12/4/13 at 8:00 AM in the Town Hall Annex.

These minutes were approved as drafted at the 12/4/13 WWAC meeting.