

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes November 7, 2012

Members Present:

Randy Eifert
John Hodsdon
Carla Horne
Bob Vogler
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

Angela Labrecque
John Edgar

Visitors:

Duncan McNeish

Agenda:

- Approve minutes of prior meeting
- Foundry Avenue ZBA variance update
- Baird Property update
- Waukewan/Winona & Watershed Grant Applications update
- High Risk Septic System Regulation - Plan for Hearing
- 2013 Town Report Highlight Page
- Other business

Having a quorum at 8:05 am, Chairman Randy Eifert opened the meeting.

The 10/3/2012 WWAC meeting minutes were approved as had been drafted.

Foundry Avenue ZBA Variance update:

- Awaiting the Superior Court decision on the resubmission of the appeal.

Baird Property update:

- John Edgar reported that overall the acquisition of this property to be put in conservation is going along very well. Ralph Kirschner, New Hampton Conservation Chairman, is taking the lead on this and is developing a property stewardship plan. The Meredith Conservation Committee is participating in this acquisition.

Grant Application updates:

- John Edgar reported that there are actually three grants from NHDES in progress. They are:

1) *2012 Watershed Assistance and Restoration Grant* - This grant has been approved by NHDES. Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association (LWWA) is currently in the process of getting the grant contract signed and supporting materials together. The packet will then go back to NHDES, who will submit to Governor & Council for approval. Anticipate a start date sometime January/February 2013. This grant addresses updating the 2005 Waukewan Watershed Management Plan in order to meet EPA's nine minimum elements for watershed management plans. In doing so, a threshold for phosphorus will be established for both Waukewan and Winona, as well as the identification of mitigation measures which will help the communities address the existing water quality impairments in the Waukewan watershed, including low dissolved oxygen (DO), DO saturation, and cyanobacteria (sources unknown). We have committed \$5,000 in monetary support as well as non-monetary resources.

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2) *Evaluation of Septic System Risk to Lake Waukegan* – The LWWA is pursuing this also. This grant if approved would result in at least 25 properties on Lake Waukegan having their septic systems evaluated and certified as functioning if applicable. This is a cost sharing program which will reimburse property owners up to \$250 toward the cost of the evaluation/certification. Eligible properties are those within 250' of Lake Waukegan, but the properties identified as high risk of failure will be the target.

3) *2013 Watershed Assistance and Restoration Grant* - This is a grant being pursued by the LWWA which would provide financial assistance to property owners who need to replace their high risk septic system.

Septic System Regulation update:

- At the Meredith Selectmen's meeting on 11/5/12, the Selectmen approved a public hearing on 12/3/12 @ 5:00 pm as part of their regular Selectmen's Meeting.
- People who can't attend can send letters to the Selectmen which will be read and put into the minutes of the meeting.
- Phil Warren will be sending out letters to all Meredith Lake Waukegan lake front property owners prior to the public hearing.
- John Edgar presented an overview position about the importance of the water protection for the many town water users. His point being that numerous inns, restaurants, businesses, medical facilities and more than 2000 homes are dependent on the Meredith Water Supply.
- To prepare for the public hearing, John Edgar and Angela Labrecque will create three one page documents – 1) Chronology of this effort, 2) Regulation Summary & 3) Rationale for the Regulation.
- Randy Eifert will create a Q&A document.
Action Item: ALL WWAC – Send Randy questions for his inclusion in the Q&A document.

2013 Town Report Highlight Page:

- Randy asked by what date did he have to submit the WWAC year's summary. Angela informed him by 1/1/2013.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 12/5/12 at 8:00 AM in the Town Hall Annex.

These minutes were approved as updated at the 12/5/12 WWAC meeting.