

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 6, 2013

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Angela Labrecque
John Edgar

Visitors:

Pat Tarpey

Agenda:

- Approve minutes of prior meeting
- Update on Grants – Pat Tarpey
- Septic Health Regulation Implementation update
- Foundry Avenue ZBA variance update
- Hazardous Thru-Trucking over Snake River Bridge
- Aerial Photos – New Link
- Other Open items/Old Business
- New Business

Having a quorum at 8:00 am, Chairman Randy Eifert opened the meeting.

Randy welcomed Duncan McNeish as a new member to our committee.

The 2/6/2013 WWAC meeting minutes were approved as had been draft updated.

Grants update by Pat Tarpey:

- **Grant #1 – Management Plan Update**
 - Contract has been signed and approved.
 - LWWA is sending out an RFQ to hire a subcontractor to execute the update.
- **Grant #2 – Evaluation of Septic Systems**
 - Not finalized with the State yet.
 - Plan to hire one Certified Contractor to do all the septic system evaluations.
 - No financial means tests are planned.
 - Property must be within 250' of Lake Waukegan.
 - State is combining Grants #2 and #3 into one contract.
- **Grant #3 – Septic System Improvements**
 - \$40K grant; expect to do 10 systems at \$4K
 - Process wise #2 and #3 and not connected; each will be issued on their own merit.

Septic Regulation Implementation:

- No new info

Foundry Avenue ZBA Variance:

- No update to report.

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Hazardous Thru-trucking on Waukewan Road:

- **Action Item: John Edgar & Randy Eifert – Proceed to set-up road surveys in the Spring and Summer.**

Aerial Photos:

- Eric Ferland has determined how to implement the Google based photos on the Meredith website, but they have encountered an issue. Each of the photos has “AerialPhotoNH.com” which is Bill Hemmel’s business name. It is Meredith town policy not to include any business advertisement on its website.
- Angela has asked Bill Hemmel to remove the “AerialPhotoNH.com” on each photo. Bill has declined because it would be a huge task.
- **Action Item: Randy Eifert & Carla Horne – Talk to Phil Warren to request an exception allowing the aerial photos to be available on the Meredith website.**

Phosphorus Free Fertilizer availability at local stores:

- Tim Whiting reported that Middleton has ordered “0” phosphorus fertilizer. He hadn’t yet talked to Aubuchon’s manager about what fertilizers they will be offering
- Stan Wallerstein reported Aubuchon did have “0” phosphorus fertilizer last year.

Signage for beach/ramp access points:

- Tim Whiting and Duncan McNeish presented 3 drafts of Thank You signs. Some suggestions on verbiage were offered. Tim will revise for the final sign verbiage.
- Tim will speak with Mike Faller to get a quote to make 12 metal based signs. Intent is to ask 12 sites for permission to post the sign.
- At the sign locations, it is also planned to make a flyer available specifying good behavior actions to protect the lake.

Lake Host for 2013:

- Tim Whiting suggested that for this year the WWAC be the Lake Host sponsor for Lake Waukewan and also requested funding of \$1500 from the Town of Meredith.
Action Item: Tim Whiting – Get approval from Phil Warren to be the sponsor.
- Tim Whiting will be requesting additional funding from other Lake Waukewan organizations.
- **Action Item: Tim Whiting – Document a list of Lake Waukewan organizations with contact names and phone numbers.**
- Tim expressed the idea that a Lake Winona Lake Host program be started. He’s looking for volunteers to staff the program.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 4/3/13 at 8:00 AM in the Town Hall Annex.

These minutes were approved as drafted at the 4/3/2013 WWAC meeting.