

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes January 26, 2005

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Randy Eifert
Jeanie Forrester
Peter Miller
Dan Moore
Bob Vogler
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

John Edgar
Bob Hill
Jennifer Palmiotto

Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

The minutes of the 1/19/05 meeting were approved with one modification to the street sweeping section.

Bruce Bond reported that he had contacted the State to determine the weight restriction on Mosquito Bridge. He was told the bridge is rated for the maximum load allowed in NH; however the person providing that information did not know what the maximum load was in NH.

Sea Plane discussion:

- Randy Eifert handed out a 3 page report on Seaplane Environmental Issues and Seaplane Compatibility Issues prepared by the Seaplane Pilots Association.
- John Edgar reported that he had talked to the Meredith Fire Chief re: seaplanes. The Chief's only issue would be with fuel leakage when refueling a seaplane on the waterbody.
- Seaplanes that land on several lakes could very well pick up an invasive weed from one waterbody and deposit it upon landing on another waterbody.
- From a risk management point of view, this committee feels that Seaplane landings on Lake Waukewan should be minimized. To that end, the committee proposes:
 - that the Town of Meredith writes a letter to all local Seaplane training organizations requesting that they not use Lake Waukewan for practice landings and takeoffs.
 - that a regulation be created that would prohibit the establishment of a Commercial business that uses Seaplanes on Lake Waukewan.

Buoy or Not to Buoy the Meredith Water Departments water intake on Lake Waukewan discussion:

- The current regulation (Item (h) (12) Env-Ws 386.49 Protection of the purity of Water of Lake Waukewan and Its Watershed) states: "*A person shall not wade, swim, waterski or perform any similar water contact activities, within 400 feet of the intake of the Meredith water department.*"
- Since the location of the intake is about 700' from the nearest shore, swimming is not the issue, but boating may be an issue.
- The committee questioned why 400 feet was stipulated in this regulation.

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- The open issue here is would buoys marking the 400 foot radius around the water intake benefit the amount of pollutants from the intake or would the buoys just be creating a boating navigation impediment? The purpose of the buoys would be to mark an area that boats would not be permitted to enter.

Next Meeting: 2/2/05 at 7:00pm at the Meredith Town Hall Annex Building.

Topics to discuss:

- Final review of the List of Watershed Management Activities for the Waukegan Watershed.
- All members are asked to submit a list of potential questions that could be asked by the townspeople re: the Watershed Activities being proposed. Please submit these potential questions to Jennifer before the 2/2/05 meeting.
- Discussion on the answers to the potential questions above.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

A WWAC meeting is targeted for Wednesday 3/23/05 to review the draft of Jennifer's plan draft. The intent is that we would all be e-mailed the plan to review it before the 3/23/05 meeting.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These minutes were approved at the 2/2/05 meeting.