

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes (Organizational Meeting)
May 27, 2004

Members Present: Peter Miller
Caroline Gosse
Bob Vogler
Roger Hogan
Tim Whiting
Carl Johnson, Sr.
Nate Torr
Jeff Moody
Bruce Bond
Bonnie Ireland

Staff Present: Jennifer Palmiotto, NeRWA
John Edgar, Meredith Town Planner
Jacquie Colburn, NHDES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Jennifer Palmiotto, Source Protection Specialist with Northeast Rural Water Association (NeRWA) welcomed the Committee and introduced herself and her organization. Each Committee member and staff introduced himself or herself.

Meeting Schedule. The committee reviewed a proposed meeting schedule to meet on selected Wednesdays through December. It was the consensus of the committee to accept the proposed schedule. It was noted that there would be changes to the schedule as the project develops. John advised that the conference room at the Meredith Police Station on Route 3 has been reserved for the meetings. Bruce noted that there might be a conflict with the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Officers. Jennifer advised that the Committee of the need to fill the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. There was discussion regarding the duties of the positions. Caroline made a motion to elect Bruce Bond of Center Harbor as Chairman. Nate seconded the motion. John called for the vote. All voted in favor of the motion. Caroline made a motion to elect Bonnie Ireland of Meredith as Vice Chairman. Jeff seconded the motion. John called for the vote. All voted in favor of the motion. There was discussion about the duties of the Secretary to take meeting minutes. Jeff suggested that the Town provide support for this function. Bob indicated that he would be willing to take minutes if the duty was shared. It was suggested that one of the six members not present at this meeting could share the duty with Bob. Bob agreed to take the minutes for the next meeting. The issues will be brought back before the committee at the June 2nd meeting.

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WAC Binder. Binders of information were distributed to each of the Committee members. Binders are available to those members not in attendance at the organizational meeting. Jennifer reviewed the goals of the Committee and the assistance that will be provided by NeRWA. John provided an overview of the Right to Know Law that the WAC is subject to. Jennifer and Jacquie reviewed the substantive materials in the binder. Jen requested that members read the materials in Section 2 of the binder for the next meeting (June 2nd).

Watershed Tour. Jennifer advised that the tour will not occur on June 2nd and has been rescheduled for June 30th. The time frame will be moved up to 6:00 - 8:00 PM to allow us to get as much in before we loose daylight. The tour will be an opportunity to become more familiar with the limits of the watershed, natural resource characteristics and land uses.

Issues. Jennifer asked the Committee to identify any issues that may be of interest to the members. Peter Miller noted that there are dumps of creosote timbers along the railroad right of way. Peter also expressed concern over the septic systems associated with the smaller camps that populate the shoreline. There was discussion about septic system regulation and testing for failures. Jacquie suggested that when we visit the Lake that we GPS the water intake and observe the extent of milfoil that may be present. Jeff and Tim indicated that it was their understanding that milfoil had been successfully eradicated from the Lake. Peter asked if there had been a town-by-town review of regulations pertaining to wetlands, septic systems etc. John indicated that that is a task that will need to be completed. Bruce indicated his concern over road salt. Center Harbor has a low salt policy that is ignored by NHDOT. Jeff indicated that his organization (Waukewan Shore Owners Association) has commissioned a study of the Snake River and that he would be happy to make it available to the Committee. Jeff noted that his organization has also done water quality sampling in addition to the summer VLAP program that will also be available to the Committee as we try to establish a base line data. Jeff also indicted that he would be willing to take members in his plan for an aerial view of the watershed.

With no further business to come before the Committee, Jeff made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 PM. Bruce seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Submitted,

John C. Edgar, Town Planner
May 27, 2004

Approved by the Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee: June 2, 2004

