

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 1, 2004

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Randy Eifert
Caroline Gosse
John Hodsdon
Roger Hogan
Bonnie Ireland
Jeff Moody
Daniel Moore
Pru Tylanda
Bob Vogler

Staff Present:

Jennifer Palmiotto
Paul Currier (NH DES)
Paul Susca (NH DES)

This meeting was a boat tour of Lake Waukewan. Bruce Bond and Bob Vogler provided the boat transportation, although only one pontoon boat ended up being used for the tour. We embarked on the tour at 5:00pm at the Lake Waukewan public boat ramp. Since Bob Vogler was driving the boat, Jen was taking notes of observations and discussion made during the tour, so most of these minutes are Jen's notes.

The tour was joined by new committee member Daniel Moore (dmoore@plymouth.edu); Daniel lives in New Hampton.

As we prepared to leave the dock, an onlooker asked if we were the watershed committee. He reported that he had seen this year, a flow of soapsuds coming from the white camp, "honeymoon house" on Chapman Island.

We started at the boat launch at southern end of lake across from Water Treatment plant. Headed southwest towards Monkey Pond. Saw two outflow pipes. According to Roger Hogan, monkey pond, the source of the outfalls, was dredged approximately 2 years ago. Has seen plumes coming from pipes carrying sediment. There is an increase in algae and weed beds in this area. We saw round balls of algae in the bottom in the general vicinity.

Piles of creosote soaked timbers are located along the railroad track. The track follows the lake coastline on the western side and heads north to Ashland.

Saw a stone structure on the western shore which was the outflow for a small stream.
Saw a stream which dumped a lot of sediment into lake when a beaver dam broke.

At northern end of lake Jeff Moody pointed out a former TB rehabilitation center, former marina which supposedly still has Underground Storage Tanks, an area where cars were driven onto ice and dumped and former garbage dump area.

Jeff Moody mentioned that there had been island property for sale on Chapman Island. The Waukewan Shore Owners Association had tried to purchase it, but the sale fell

through. Lakes Region Conservation Trust (www.lrct.org) had also been interested. Currently it is not for sale.

Passed a peninsula of land on northern shoreline owned by Warren Perkins. It has been rumored that the Perkins land may be donated as conservation land to the state.

In "Perkins Cove", we saw two loon nesting site areas on Northern and southern end of cove. Showed committee potential condo site.

Followed eastern shoreline. Houses were scattered along shoreline but not highly visible. Forest buffer relatively intact.

Went into canal. Saw algae growths of the same types seen near the outfalls from monkey pond. Canal was treated with Sonar (Chemical herbicide) to get rid of milfoil in 1993. Chemical treatment was carried out by state. Mechanical picking of milfoil also occurred. By 1996, the milfoil was fully eradicated.

According to Jeff Moody there is a ban on dogs swimming in Waukegan. Need to check.

Bonnie Ireland mentioned the lack of minnows possibly due to addition of white perch.

Most of the shoreline forest is intact. Good buffer still.

Pru Tylanda mentioned a wetland study for New Hampton that was done by a couple named the Earlers. According to Pru and Daniel Moore it is an excellent resource and has some information on the watershed.

Center Harbor Zoning Ordinance reportedly only permits an increase house by 15% of original size.

The tour ended at 7:20pm at the Boat Launch. Many thanks to Randy and Jen for providing the sandwiches and Bruce & Bob for providing liquid refreshments.

Next meeting: September 15, 2004 at 7:00pm at the Meredith Annex Building.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

Approved as amended at the 9/18/04 meeting.