

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes October 12, 2005

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Randy Eifert
Caroline Gosse
Roger Hogan
Peter Miller
Dan Moore
Pru Tylenda
Bob Vogler

Staff Present:

Jacquie Colburn
John Edgar
Bob Hill

The meeting began at 7:08 pm.

The October 4, 2005 meeting minutes were accepted as updated.

Bruce Bond passed out copies of the Mission Statement that he and John Edgar drafted. The committee members suggested some changes that resulted in the following approved

Mission Statement:

The Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee provides an organizational structure for citizens and local officials from the watershed communities to facilitate implementation of the Management Plan for the Waukegan Watershed.

A principal responsibility of the Committee will be to enhance public awareness and facilitate education regarding water quality conservation issues throughout the watershed.

The Committee will disseminate the Plan and other related information to local officials, year-round and seasonal residents and other stakeholders.

The Committee will periodically review, evaluate and update the Plan as required.

While maintaining a diverse geographical and stakeholder organizational structure, the Committee will work collaboratively with the local watershed communities, state and federal agencies, associations, the educational community, citizens and other partners in the implementation of the Plan.

Grants and other sources of funding will be identified to support various implementation measures.

Status of presenting the Management Plan to the other four towns:

Center Harbor – Bob Vogler reported that he met with the CH Selectmen on 10/5/05 to ask for a date to present the plan. They suggested that the presentation could be arranged after they complete next year's town budget. Bob will be contacting Robin next week to see if a date could be established then.

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Ashland – The presentation is set for Monday 11/7/05 at 7:00pm. Caroline suggested that the Planning Board, ZBA, Conservations Commission, Lakes Region Conservation and Squam Lakes Association also be invited--at least to the Ashland presentation. Caroline Gosse will let us know where the meeting place will be.

New Hampton – The selectmen meet on Thursdays. Dan Moore to arrange a date and place.

Holderness – Bruce is working with Earl Hansen to determine how and when to present to the Selectmen.

The following other audiences were identified:

Rotary Club

Lions Club

Meredith Chamber of Commerce (Sue Cerutti, Chairperson)

Meredith Main Street Group

Kiwanis

Request that Jeanie Forrester see if it would be possible to merge the Meredith Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Group at one presentation.

Bob Hill provided the summer test results for VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds).

VOC	July 7, 2005			August 10, 2005			
	Water Surface	12 feet	In Water Plant	Water Surface	12 feet	24 feet	In Water Plant
MTBE	0.5	0.9	BDL	0.8	0.8	0.6	BDL
Toluene	0.7	0.6	BDL	0.8	0.6	BDL	BDL

All values are in ug/L.

BDL = Below Detection Level which is 0.5 ug/L.

NH Maximum for MTBE is 13.0 ug/L.

NH Maximum for Toluene is 1000 ug/L.

All other 69 VOCs tested were Below Detection Level.

Bob reported that the tests were labor intensive to perform requiring SCUBA divers. It was discussed that we should consider purchasing a “Kemmerer Bottle” device that would allow water samples to be taken at various depths without using SCUBA divers. Bruce Bond agreed to pursue the cost information for a Cemmerer Bottle and provide this info to Bob Hill to perhaps add to his next years budget. It was also suggested that we check with the Paugus Bay study to see how they obtained the water samples.

Randy led a discussion regarding the substantial silt runoff that occurred during the 10/8/2005 weekend rain event. Randy had previously provided the WWAC with several photos taken over the weekend showing the runoff issue. The important follow-up here is to get the “lessons-learned” from this event to avoid them happening again. Jacquie Colburn is meeting at the site with the principals on Thursday morning.

Discussion on the Prioritization of the Action Items identified that setting the priorities needs to consider – Threat/Risk, Cost to implement, Done by WWAC, Done by others, Short Term/Long Term, and Buy-in by Town Management. Randy suggested we

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consider sub-committees of Conservation, Education, Regulation, and Monitor/Research to assist with categorizing the 66 recommendations. Peter suggested the sub-committees could then prioritize their assigned recommendations. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at 7:00pm.
 Town Annex Building

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These minutes were approved as updated at the October 26, 2005 WWAC meeting.