

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes October 20, 2004

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Jeanie Forrester
Caroline Gosse
John Hodsdon
Roger Hogan
Bonnie Ireland
Dan Moore
Nate Torr
Bob Vogler

Staff Present:

Jacquie Colburn
John Edgar
Bob Hill
Jennifer Palmiotto

Bruce Bond called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

The minutes of the 9/29/04 meeting were approved as amended.

Bonnie Ireland summarized the risk analysis she did for Transportation Land Use.

Considerations that arose during this discussion:

1. Is new asphalt a source of contamination as it weathers?
2. Ditch maintenance – While it removes the fill in that has occurred, does the clearing do more damage by scraping away the vegetation that may have been preventing erosion and may have been absorbing nutrients?

Dan Moore summarized his findings on Railroad and Airplane Land Use.

1. Concern about accidental spillage of fuel from a RR mishap.
2. Concern about the creosote from the RR ties in place and discarded piles of ties.
3. Airplane potential fuel spills from an accident on lake landings/takeoffs.

John Hodsdon summarized his findings on Forestry and Agriculture.

1. Sediment concern; carrier of phosphorous.
2. Nitrates move quickly through soil. High cost of nitrogen fertilizers acts as a deterrent for their use.
3. Pesticides – Regulated for commercial use; not regulated for residential use, but less potent pesticides are only available to non-commercial users. John doesn't feel pesticides are an issue in the Waukegan Watershed.

Caroline Gosse and Jennifer Palmiotto discussed Residential Land Use.

Bob Hill and Jennifer Palmiotto discussed Commercial Land Use. Bob's biggest concern was for the extensive fuel and used oil storage that exists at the commercial sites.

Jennifer asked all WWAC members to submit their ranking of the top 8 highest risk concerns with 1 (highest risk) to 8 (lowest risk). Everyone is asked to e-mail these to Jennifer by Tuesday 10/26/04 so she can compile all the rankings for review at the 10/27/04 meeting. Individual members should prepare narratives to explain how they arrived at the order of their rankings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday 10/27/04 at 7:00pm at the Meredith Town Hall Annex Building.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These meeting minutes approved at the 10/27/04 meeting.