

# Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes December 8, 2004

## Members Present:

Bruce Bond  
Randy Eifert  
Jeanie Forrester  
Caroline Gosse  
John Hodsdon  
Bonnie Ireland  
Peter Miller  
Jeff Moody  
Bob Vogler

## Staff Present:

John Edgar  
Bob Hill  
Jennifer Palmiotto

Bruce Bond called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

The minutes of the 12/01/04 meeting were approved as written.

It is clear that Septic Systems is a key source of contamination on the minds of the committee. More discussion was on Septic Systems ensued. John Edgar pointed out that action for Septic Systems was strengthened – “Develop and implement a septic system inspection program. Goal of inspection program is to identify and repair/replace failed systems.”

The remainder of the evening was discussing Motorboating with the major of the time discussing actions to reduce the amount of MtBE, Benzene and Toluene from gasoline from entering the lake. The focus is on 2 Stroke carbureted engines that are known to run with an inefficiency of about 33% of the fuel is discharged from the exhaust into the lake. Bruce Bond had done an estimate of the amount of gasoline that is used by the 101 boats on Lake Waukewan that have 2 Stroke carbureted engines. The estimate was 294 gals/week x 12 weeks = 3500 gallons per season. Using the formulas from the Lake Tahoe study, the 3500 gallons for Lake Waukewan would yield the following amount of chemicals being discharged into the lake:

MtBE	153 gallons
Benzene	6 gallons
Toluene	35 gallons

A vote was taken of the members present on their opinion of banning 2 Stroke carbureted engines on Lake Waukewan. The results were:

8 voted for an outright phased in ban

1 voted to decide on the ban only if testing showed that gasoline was shown to be a significant problem.

0 voted to do nothing.

John Hodsdon pointed out to the committee that the presence of contaminants in the water at a level below the acceptable safe limits does not make the water unsafe.

Question to be asked of the NH Marine Patrol – Would they enforce a ban on 2 Stroke carbureted engines if such a ban was decided to be put in regulation?

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Jennifer agreed to check on the State's position on the possibility of closing the public boat ramp except for a short period in the Spring and Fall so that lake property owners could put their boats in and out for the season.

Discussion on the Motorboating topic was completed at this meeting. Jeff Moody expressed a concern for his ability to attend all of the January meetings due to business conflicts. Subsequently, he requested we move the "Home Heating Oil" topic to the beginning of the agenda for the December 15 meeting so he would be able to participate in the discussion involving this topic.

Four additional dates for WWAC meetings were established. They are 1/5/05, 1/12/05, 1/19/05 and 1/26/05.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Next Meeting Wednesday 12/15/04 at 7:00pm at the Meredith Town Hall Annex Building.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

Minutes approved at the 12/15/04 meeting.