

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes January 4, 2012

Members Present:

Bill Corr
Randy Eifert
Nate Torr
Bob Vogler
Stan Wallerstein

Staff Present:

John Edgar

Visitors:

Duncan McNeish
Tim Whiting

Agenda:

- Approve minutes for the December meeting
- Status of Town appeal to Superior Court of the Foundry Avenue variance
- High Risk Septic System Health Regulation
- Membership Committee Report
- 2012 Goals – Set action plans in place
- New Business

Having a quorum, Chairman Randy Eifert opened the meeting at 8:01 am.

Membership Committee Report:

- Randy announced that he had received an e-mail on 1/3/12 from Dallas Wrath stating he no longer had the time to continue on the WWAC because of business demands for his time. The WWAC team wishes him well and thanks him for his past participation.
- Randy asked Tim Whiting to confirm that he wished to be reinstated as a WWAC member. Tim said he would like to be reinstated.
- **Action Item: Randy Eifert – Send request to Phil Warren to reinstate Tim Whiting and announce Dallas Wrath's resignation.**

High Risk Septic System Health Regulation:

- There was substantial discussion on the next steps to be taken regarding this regulation. At the 12/19/11 Meredith Selectmen's workshop, it was agreed to have a Summer 2012 public charette to present/discuss the rationale behind the proposed health regulation.
- The Selectmen requested more scientific data be available regarding the causes of the Cyanobacteria algae blooms and the source of phosphorus causing them.
Action Item: John Edgar – Request NHDES assistance to present a scientific evaluation of Lake Waukegan's water based on the VLAP and other data obtained through the years.
- Per the Selectmen's suggestion, it was recommended that all the property owners that have camps/homes on the lake front with no septic system on record be contacted to inform them of that.
Action Item: WWAC – Create a letter to be sent to these property owners.

The 12/7/11 WWAC meeting minutes were approved as had been drafted.

Foundry Avenue Lot 46, Map 23 ZBA appeal status:

- No new info on the status of the Superior Court decision.

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Letter requesting lake front property owner’s e-mail address:

- Randy had created a draft based on Bob Vogler’s original draft and Stan Wallerstein’s edits. Three changes were suggested:
 - 1) Use the WWAC letterhead
 - 2) Add request for mailing address in addition to property address
 - 3) Use an e-mail address to send their e-mail addresses that is a Town of Meredith based e-mail address rather than the wwacmeredith@gmail.com
- **Action Item: Randy Eifert – Send this letter to Phil Warren to request his support for this letter and the creation of a Meredith e-mail address to be used.**

2012 Goals – Set action plans in place:

- After some discussion the 5th task which was *Heating Fuel Storage* was changed to doing an inventory of specific items on each property.
Action Item: All WWAC members – Identify items that they suggest be on this inventory list.
- Randy asked for volunteers to accept the lead on the list of 10 goals based identified for 2012 from the December meeting.

Lead Person	Task
Randy Eifert	1. Continue working open items (Septic Systems, Snake River Bridge HazMat Ban, monitor development in watershed, grow membership, maintain Action List)
Bob Vogler	2. Develop a lake front property owner e-mail list to inform property owners in a timely manner of issues/concerns.
John Edgar Dan Leonard	3. Water Monitoring. Monitor negative trends and compile centralized database
	4. Storm Water runoff (Educational reminders to property owners encouraging land care BMPs and improvements on their land to minimize runoff)
	5. Implement an on-site inventory of all lake front properties.
John Edgar Dan Leonard	6. Commercial BMPs in Watershed (3.1.D)
	7. Swimmer Education (2.2.B)
Randy Eifert	8. Strengthen Overlay
	9. Improve/Add To Lake Postings (2.3.A)
Randy Eifert	10. Work well with our friends...BOS, ZBA, Planning, WSOA...

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 2/1/2012 at 8:00 AM in the Town Hall Annex.