

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2011

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Bill Corr
Randy Eifert
John Hodsdon
Nate Torr
Bob Vogler
Stan Wallerstein
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

Angela LaBrecque

Visitors:

Duncan McNeish

Agenda:

- Approve minutes of 3/2/11 WWAC meeting
- Status of septic system health regulation
- Update of appeal of ZBA decision on Foundry Ave property
- Update on transport trucking prohibition on Waukewan and Winona Roads
- Committee membership resignation letter
- Comments from stormwater runoff working group
- Waukewan launching ramp port-a-potty
- Other business

Having a quorum, Chairman Bruce Bond opened the meeting at 8:57am.

The 3/2/11 WWAC meeting minutes were approved as had been drafted.

Septic System Regulation status:

- Nate Torr reported the regulation is scheduled to be discussed at a June 6, 2011 Selectmen's workshop.

Foundry Avenue ZBA appeal status:

- At the Meredith BOS meeting on 3/21/11, the Selectmen agreed to appeal the ZBA decision to grant a variance for Tax Map S23, Lot 45 in the residential district to allow industrial development on it.
- The town has arranged for attorneys to represent both the Selectboard and the ZBA in preparation for an appeal hearing before the ZBA.
- Duncan McNeish reported that a second appeal will also be submitted by Wanzer, McNeish & Braxton. Wanzer is an abutter to the property.
- The ZBA has 30 days after receipt of the appeal to decide to have a rehearing on the property.

Advance Notice of future ZBA issues that might impact the Waukewan Watershed water quality:

- Randy Eifert asked if there was some way the WWAC can be alerted in advance to rezoning issues that might affect water quality. After some discussion, it was felt that it would be best if a WWAC member peruse the ZBA's agendas for water quality issues.
- Randy Eifert agreed to be the WWAC member to do this. Angela will request that Randy be put on the ZBA's e-mail list of agenda items.

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Hazardous Transport Trucking on Waukewan/Winona Roads:

- Bruce Bond drafted a letter to be sent to Mark Morrill, NHDOT Gilford. Copies were made for all attendees. It was agreed that the letter should be sent by Phil Warren with copies to State Representatives and State Senator for the towns of Meredith, Center Harbor and New Hampton. The letter should also have 3 attachments – Carol Granfield letter sent to NHDOT a few years ago, the Center Harbor letter showing their support and the New Hampton letter showing their support.
- **Action Item: Angela LaBrecque – Modify the letter for Phil Warren’s signature and request that he send the letter.**

Resignation letter to Bob Wenstrup:

- Bruce reported he sent a letter to Bob Wenstrup dated March 10, 2011 asking to recommit to attending the WWAC meetings or resign. Having no response from Bob Wenstrup to date, the WWAC considers no response to be a resignation. The WWAC thanks Bob for his past contributions to the WWAC.

Stormwater Runoff working group report:

- Tim Whiting updated the WWAC on the NH Lakes “Lake Waukewan to Receive Stormwater Runoff Demonstration Project” program. The program expects to identify 6 properties on Lake Waukewan on which to implement stormwater runoff control methods and to use these properties as showcases to the local community.
- Using the aerial photos and ground level photos available, NH Lakes has identified 12 properties as potential sites for this project. Tim has asked for WWAC assistance to contact these property owners to get their permission for NH Lakes people to visit their property to assess the viability of the property and to design proposed runoff control for these properties. The property owners would have to approve any design before selection and implementation.
- **Action Item: Randy Eifert will submit to the Laconia Daily Sun and Meredith News an article from the NH Lakes on their program and inviting the public to submit their property as a candidate to this project.**

Lake Waukewan Boat Ramp Port-a-potty:

- Reportedly this expenditure is being opposed by the town to save money. The WWAC highly recommends it so boaters, fishermen, rowing crews and Lake Hosts use the port-a-potty rather than the lake alternative.
- There seems to be some confusion on the monthly cost for a port-a-potty rental. Bruce Bond agreed to call Lamprey to find out what their charge would be to the town for a June through September rental.

Other Business:

- Bruce Bond reported that the Center Harbor voters approved making the Snake River a prime wetlands designation.
- Angela reported that the Meredith Water Dept didn’t receive the grant that they had applied for cyanobacteria monitoring.
- Angela proposed that the “Don’t ‘P’ in the Lake” campaign be re-energized for this spring season. She suggested perhaps having a workshop on the subject. Stan Wallerstein reported that he asked Aubuchon if their “0” phosphorous fertilizers were selling, Aubuchon said not very well. Also 3 out of the 4 “0” phosphorous products they carried included pesticides.
- Duncan reported that the WSOA is pursuing an application for competitive federal funds for remediation of the Monkey Pond Sub-watershed under Section 319 nonpoint Source Grant

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Program. However, this application requires a watershed management plan that includes an analysis of the watershed's nutrient budget among other requirements. The 2005 Waukegan Watershed Management Plan apparently does not satisfy this requirement.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 5/4/2011 at 9:00 am in the Town Hall Annex.

These minutes were approved at the 5/4/2011 WWAC meeting as had been updated.