

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2010

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Bill Corr
Randy Eifert
John Hodsdon
Michelle Therrien
Bob Vogler
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

Angela LaBrecque
John Edgar

Visitors:

Duncan McNeish, WSOA Director
Nate Torr, Meredith Selectman
Jared Teutsch, President NH Lakes Assoc
Sandy Mucci, Meredith resident

Agenda:

- Approve the minutes from the 3/17/10 meeting.
- Update on status of high risk septic system Health Ordinance
- Update on status of Spear property acquisition on Snake River
- Jared Teutsch, NHLA Summer Grant Program
- Review of NHDES report on Waukewan lake level.
- Other business (WWAC membership candidate, Waukewan launching ramp port-a-potty, CHCC Snake River Prime Wetlands Project)

Having a quorum, Bruce opened the WWAC meeting at 8:03 am.

The **3/17/10 WWAC meeting minutes were approved** as had been drafted.

Septic System Health Ordinance status:

- John Edgar presented an update on its status.
- Definition of “adequacy” of existing system as per a building expansion continues to be difficult to define. The focus of this Health Ordinance will be on two goals – Definition of a certified inspection and procedure to address the properties in Meredith that are within 250’ of the shoreline and have no documented septic system on record.
 - If a property owner is seeking a permit to expand a building that is within 250’ of the shoreline, the owner must install a new septic system if the existing system won’t support the building addition, i.e. no pocket plans.
 - Properties without a documented septic system must have a certified inspection done.
 - If an existing septic system doesn’t satisfy the requirements for distance above the water table, it will be deemed to be in failure and must be replaced.
- Penalty provision and Notification requirements will be added to the Health Ordinance.
- Target date for presentation of this Health Ordinance to the Meredith Selectmen is mid-May 2010. The WWAC will have the opportunity to review and comment on the Health Ordinance draft before the Selectmen’s presentation.

Spear Property/Waukewan Shore Owners Association update:

- Duncan McNeish reported that on 3/19/2010, he, Stan Wallerstein and Bob Wenstrup traveled to Dover, NH, to meet with Robert Stowell, Escrow Agent for Mrs. Spear. The result was a purchase and sales agreement being executed for WSOA's acquiring the Spear property on Snake River.
- There are still a number of legal requirements that need to be addressed such as a property title search, rights to access the property, etc. New Hampton will be the ultimate owner of this property when all the paperwork is completed.

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NHLA Summer Grant Program:

- Jared Teutsch informed us that there are mitigation funds (ARM) of \$150,000 available for the Winnepesaukee Watershed area for modifying waterfront properties to address run-off. However there is only about one week to submit applications from this fund, so he is seeking property candidates from us.
- Tim Whiting said that he thought there are several property owners on the Waukegan canal that would be interested. Tim committed to contacting the property owners and forwarding site photographs to Jared.
- John Edgar suggested that perhaps the “Monkey Pond” property, owned by the Town of Meredith, might be a good application for these funds.
- Jared felt that he still has time to submit applications if we work fast.

WWAC membership candidate:

- Bruce reported that Dallas Wrath has inquired about membership of the WWAC. Dallas is a resident of Ashland and is the proprietor of Donovan’s Tree Service. Dallas will attend our next WWAC meeting.

Having the need to adjourn the meeting early so that we could attend the 10:00 am Press Conference called by the Lawn Care Subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 5/19/10 at 8:00 am in the Town Hall Annex.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These minutes were approved as had been updated at the 5/1/9/10 WWAC meeting.