

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes May 19, 2010

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Bill Corr
John Hodsdon
Bob Vogler
Stan Wallerstein
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

Angela LaBrecque

Visitors:

Duncan McNeish, WSOA Director
Nate Torr, Meredith Selectman
Sandy Mucci, Meredith resident
Dallas Wrath, Ashland resident

Agenda:

- Approve the minutes from the 4/21/10 meeting.
- Status of the WSOA purchase of the Snake River parcel
- Additional discussion of the high risk septic system ordinance
- Additional comments on Lawn Care Subcommittee's activities
- Railroad track defoliant spraying (5/22)
- Discussion on Waukewan lake level.
- Other business: CHCC Snake River Prime Wetland application; Waukewan launching ramp port-a-potty resolution; dissolved oxygen and aeration option; Monkey Pond situation; blowing/raking of grass or leaves into Lake Waukewan (existing ordinance); revision of zoning ordinance addressing impervious surface.

Having a quorum, Bruce opened the WWAC meeting at 8:07 am.

The **4/21/10 WWAC meeting minutes were approved** as had been updated.

Spear Property/Waukewan Shore Owners Association status:

- Stan Wallerstein reported that there are two legal issues to be resolved – 1) Issue of land access to the property and 2) Creation of a Conservation Easement.
- Land Access – Access to the land without crossing the railroad tracks is needed. The seller, Robert Stowell, has committed to obtain this access from an abutting property owner.
- Conservation Easement – Per John Edgar, the Meredith Conservation Commission is working on this now.
- The signed Purchase and Sales Agreement shows 6/30/10 as the closing date.
- The WSOA has received about \$11,000 to date for the acquisition of this 8.5 acre parcel. Assuming the expected funding from the Meredith Conservation Commission and New Hampton Conservation Commission is realized, Duncan indicated that he felt another \$5000 to \$6000 is needed from private parties for the purchase.

Septic System Ordinance status:

- Latest version of the ordinance is 4/16/10. Bruce reported that the final draft will be sent to all WWAC members for review before presentation to the Meredith Selectmen.
- It is scheduled to be presented to the Meredith Selectmen on June 21, 2010.

Lawn Care Sub-committee status:

- Randy was unable to be at the meeting. Bruce reported that the sub-committee meetings are over. Randy has presented the “Don’t ‘P’ in the lake” initiative to many audiences. It has been well received.
- WWAC funds to purchase signage for the “Don’t ‘P’ in the lake” initiative have been approved.

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Railroad Defoliant:

- This annual process is scheduled for Saturday 5/22/10.

Lake Waukewan lake level discussion:

- The target level is 539.5' above sea level for summer 2010. Rusty McLear's staff has been very diligent in maintaining this lake level.
- If anyone has any lake level issues, they should be directed to the NHDES Dam Bureau Attn: Steve Doyon. His phone number is 603-271-1966; his e-mail is sdoyon@des.state.nh.us.
- Meredith has submitted a request to NHDES to fix the launch ramp so that it can be used more easily at the 539.5' lake level.

Snake River Prime Wetlands application:

- Both Center Harbor and New Hampton are working to have this as a warrant article on their 2011 town ballots.

Boat Ramp Port-A-Potty:

- Per the Waukewan Watershed Management Plan, the request to have a Port-A-Potty at the Lake Waukewan Public boat ramp was implemented for the first few years. The intent was to provide a reasonably convenient place for fishermen, boaters, scullers and Lake Hosts to use rather than what many believe to be the lake. Last year it was not implemented for funding reasons.
- The Town of Meredith has asked the WWAC if we felt signage directing people at the boat ramp to the new public restrooms at the town beach would satisfy this need. The WWAC members felt that it wouldn't because the public restrooms are about ¼ mile away and wouldn't be used by the boat ramp users.
- A motion to fund up to \$500 in 2010 from the WWAC fund was approved at this meeting for rental of a Port-A-Potty for the summer months. The estimate for Port-A-Potty rental is \$90 per month.

Dissolved Oxygen & Aeration option:

- John Hodsdon felt that it would be very questionable whether a wind-driven aeration system would work on Lake Waukewan. John Hodsdon agreed to investigate this further. It was generally felt that reducing the phosphorus levels of the lake will improve the dissolved oxygen level.

Impervious Surface:

- After a brief discussion, it was felt that the WWAC should be concerned about setting a lower standard for impervious surface allowances than currently exists. Bruce encouraged a WWAC member to take on this topic. John Hodsdon agreed to investigate this further.

2010 Lake Host funding for Lake Waukewan:

- Tim Whiting is requesting \$1500 from the WWAC budget, \$1500 from WSOA to supplement the \$1500 provided by the NH lakes Association. This money will be used to pay the weekend Lake Hosts for coverage every weekend from Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- The WWAC members approved funding the \$1500 from the WWAC budget.

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Grass Clippings/Leaves being blown in the lake:

- Bruce brought to our attention that there is a state regulation that forbids any person from putting trees and/or parts of trees among a list of many things in the lake. The regulation can be found at www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rss/html/L/485-A/485-A-15.htm. It is titled - *Title L Water Management and Protection, Chapter 485-A Water Pollution and Waste Disposal*.

Monkey Pond:

- At last month's WWAC meeting, it was suggested to that perhaps Monkey Pond would be a good project for the ARM mitigation funds. Bruce reported at this meeting that the Monkey Pond project was declined to be pursued for application for ARM mitigation funds.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 6/16/10 at 8:00 am in the Town Hall Annex.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These minutes were approved, as had been updated, at the 6/16/10 WWAC meeting.