

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2011

Members Present:

Bill Corr
Randy Eifert
Nate Torr
Bob Vogler
Stan Wallerstein

Staff Present:

Angela LaBrecque
John Edgar
Dan Leonard

Visitors:

Tim Whiting

Agenda:

- Approve minutes of 7/6/11 WWAC meeting
- Correspondence: Watershed Restoration Grant Support Letter and request for support letter re: WSOA/Baird property grant
- Change quorum from 5 to either 5 or majority of committee, whichever is less
- Status of outreach mailing to shore owners addressing storm water issues
- Status of Town appeal to the Superior Court of the Foundry Avenue variance
- Status of Water Quality Testing at suspected septic system failure sites
- Letter to NHDOT re: Winona/Waukegan weight and Hazmat cargo limit
- High Risk Septic System Health Ordinance
- Membership Committee Report
- Update WWAC Action Item List
- New Business

Having a quorum, Chairman Randy Eifert opened the meeting at 8:05 am.

The 7/6/11 WWAC meeting minutes were approved as had been initially drafted.

Watershed Restoration Grant/ WSOA/Baird property grant:

- Randy reported he had submitted a letter of support dated 7/27/11 re: 2012 Watershed Restoration Grant Impaired Waters Pre-Proposal Application. The Town of Meredith is pursuing restoration grant funding for the phosphorous and cyanobacteria issues.
- The Waukegan Shore Owners Association (WSOA) and New Hampton Conservation (NHCC) Commission are pursuing the acquisition of an 8.1 acre parcel on the Snake River bounded by Waukegan Road, the Snake River and the previous Speare property which is now in conservation. The 8.1 acre parcel is currently owned by Elizabeth Baird.
- The WSOA/NHCC have requested a letter of non-financial support from the WWAC for this acquisition.

Motion: The WWAC to submit a letter of non-financial support to the WSOA/NHCC for the purchase the Baird property. The motion was approved unanimously.

Action Item: Randy Eifert – Create and submit the support letter to the WSOA and NHCC.

- Dan Leonard reported he will be re-submitting a grant proposal to the DES this year that focuses on monitoring cyanobacteria in Lake Waukegan. The grant proposal includes site specific seasonal water sampling, as well as real time monitoring of the raw water entering the plant for precursor elements of cyanobacteria. The proposal incorporates the real time monitor into the plants automated control system providing the functionality to shut down water production and notify the operations staff of the potential of cyanobacteria entering the treatment process when set limits are exceeded.

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Quorum discussion:

- Current quorum for WWAC meetings is 5. With the current membership at 7, it might be difficult to have a quorum of 5 at every meeting.
- **Motion: To change the quorum to be either 5 or half of the current membership of the committee (currently 4 of 7) whichever is less.** The motion passed unanimously.

Stormwater Outreach Mailing:

- Angela reported that the package was mailed the week of 7/18/11 to all Meredith and Center Harbor shoreowners on Lake Waukegan. For cost reasons, Angela elected to print the 7 page color handout in-house.
- Angela recently received the New Hampton shoreowner's addresses in a pdf file which is not usable to create the mailing labels.

Action Item: Bob Vogler will create an Excel file of the address data which can be used to create the mailing labels. Angela to e-mail the New Hampton address pdf file to Bob.

Foundry Avenue Lot 46, Map 23 ZBA appeal status:

- No update at this time.

Water Quality Testing on Lake Waukegan:

- Angela has identified 8 locations to be tested plus one site to use as the control. The cost for each test is about \$100. Angela expects to have to bottles to collect the water on Monday 8/8 and plans to take the water specimens on Monday 8/15 with the help of the Meredith Water Dept.

Membership Committee Report:

- Randy reported he has talked to several people to become members. He said that Dallas Wrath also knows of another new potential member.
- Randy also said he was hoping Bruce Bond would modify his resignation letter from the WWAC to resign as Chairman but continue on as a member.

Septic System Ordinance:

- Randy has created an excellent, one page bullet list highlighting the intent of the Septic System Health Ordinance.
- The plan is to have a Meredith Selectmen's Workshop opportunity to continue the request for their support to have a public meeting to present/discuss this ordinance.

Action Item: Nate Torr – Work to get this topic on the BOS Workshop agenda.

Lake Conservation Corps Project Status on Lake Waukegan:

- Tim Whiting reported that all 6 properties will be completed this week. The project has gone very well. NH Lakes plans to create an article, complete with photos, describing the project. They also plan to create signage to be posted at the properties.

Action List Update:

- Angela will send her inputs to Bob Vogler via e-mail. Bob will add her input to the Action List spreadsheet and e-mail the updated Action List to all WWAC members before the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 am.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

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Next Meeting: **Wednesday 9/7/2011 at 8:00 AM in the Town Hall Annex.**

These minutes were approved as had been updated at the 9/7/11 WWAC meeting.