

**Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee**  
Meeting Minutes

**October 26, 2006**

Members Present:           Bruce Bond, Chairman  
                                  Roger Hogan  
                                  Caroline Gosse  
                                  Randy Eifert  
                                  Tim Whiting  
                                  Bob Wenstrup

Absent with Notice:       Bob Vogler

Staff Present:             John Edgar, Town Planner

Chairman Bond called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

**Minutes.** The minutes of October 12, 2006 were reviewed. Chairman Bond pointed out a minor change that he forwarded to Bob's attention. In addition to Bruce Bond and John Edgar presenting at the NHDES Watershed conference in November, Bonnie Ireland and Randy Eifert may also be part of the presentation. There were no other corrections. Roger Hogan made a motion to approve the minutes as revised. Bob Wenstrup seconded the motion. Five voted in favor. Caroline Gosse abstained.

**Membership.** Chairman Bond advised the Committee that about a month ago he had forwarded to Carol Granfield's attention the applicant of Bob Wenstrup to become a member of the Committee. Not having heard anything, Bruce assumes that Bob is a member of the Committee.

**Overlay District.** John Edgar advised the Committee of the meeting that he and Bruce Bond had with the Holderness Planning Board regarding the overlay district. John suggested that a follow-up occur to see if the Planning Board plans to pursue the zoning change next March and whether there were any questions. John advised the Committee of a meeting scheduled for November 21, 2006 with the New Hampton Planning Board regarding the same issue. John showed the Committee a draft overlay district map showing the portions of New Hampton that could potentially be in the overlay district. John will forward the map and the Meredith ordinance to the New Hampton Planning Board in anticipation of the meeting. John indicated that the Meredith Planning Board does not intend to propose any amendments to zoning ordinance in March. John does plan to work with the Conservation Commission on amendments to the wetland ordinance once the Natural Resource Inventory is completed in '07.

**Septic Systems.** John provided a summary of a meeting that he and Bruce attended with Bill Evans, Administrator, NHDES Subsurface Bureau. Bill suggested that the most important thing the committee could do to protect water quality would be to focus on

vegetative shoreline buffers. As it relates to septic systems, John pointed out that there are redevelopment or expansion scenarios now where the NHDES will require a new design, but only require the installation after the existing system fails. There may be circumstances where an existing system is so non-compliant with current regulations (depth to ledge, depth to water table, proximity to surface water) that the probability of failure is high. Rather than reacting to system failure and the associated pollution, new systems under certain limited circumstances could be installed at the outset. To accomplish this, an evaluation of the old system (for which the replacement design has been made) would need to be incorporated into the process after design but before the issuance of the building permit. At this stage a determination would be made if construction of the new system was triggered by underlying existing conditions. John will continue to work on this concept and present more information at a future meeting. John also suggested that at the same time we should develop a data base on near-shore septic systems. This would be an inventory of the number of systems, bedroom capacities, age, proximity to surface water and the supporting lot sizes. Roger and Tim offered to help with this data collection effort. This information would be incorporated in our geographic information system.

**Hazmat/petroleum transport.** Bruce had distributed via e-mail a draft of a letter to the Town Manager introducing the concern over the transport of hazardous materials over Waukegan Road. Waukegan Road is used as a thru trucking bypass to avoid congestion in Meredith Village. The draft suggests opening a dialogue with NHDOT with the intent of banning such transport due to the potential risks to the town's drinking water supply. After some discussion, Bruce asked for members with additional edits to forward them to his attention.

**Quorum.** Bruce distributed a letter dated October 18, 2006 sent to Carol Granfield. In the letter Bruce advises that the Committee would like to establish a quorum level of five members based on typical meeting attendance over the last year. Bruce asked that this information be submitted to the Selectmen for their information.

**Home Heating Oil Tanks.** Chairman Bond advised the Committee that Jeff Moody is working at his request on the home heating oil tank issues. More information will be presented to the Committee at a later date.

The next meeting is on Thursday, November 9, 2006. Please note that the second meeting in November has been scheduled for November 30, 2006 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Edgar, Town Planner  
October 30, 2006

Approved: 11/9/06