

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2011

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Bill Corr
Randy Eifert
Nate Torr
Bob Vogler
Stan Wallerstein
Tim Whiting
Dallas Wrath

Staff Present:

Angela LaBrecque

Visitors:

Duncan McNeish
Penny Burke
Deb Corr

Agenda:

- Approve minutes of 12/15/10 WWAC meeting
- Resolution of the Town's position on the NHDES letter to re-engage on the Waukewan lake level issue.
- Update on the status of the high risk septic system health regulation
- Continued work on the storm water runoff challenge
- WWAC membership
- Other business

Having a quorum, Bruce Bond opened the meeting at 9:00am.

The 12/15/10 WWAC meeting minutes were approved as had been updated.

Lake water level:

- Nate Torr reported that the Meredith town management would welcome the WWAC opinion on any issues regarding the Lake Waukewan lake level. Nate reported that Phil Warren had responded to the NHDES with these three points:
 - 1) The water quality not be jeopardized by the lake level set,
 - 2) The public boat ramp be usable and
 - 3) The town would prefer the lake level be kept higher than 539.5' ASL for the summer season.
- After considerable discussion, the WWAC members decided we did want to submit our opinion and the following motion was made and seconded:
 - Send a letter to the NHDES and the Meredith Town Manager from the WWAC that says:
It is the opinion of the Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee that there would be no significant water quality issues caused by the lake level if the water level of Lake Waukewan is kept year round between 538.5' ASL to 540.5' ASL. Additionally, it is the WWAC's opinion that an automatic No Wake Zone level be established for Lake Waukewan.
- The above motion was approved by all except Bill Corr who would have preferred the upper level be set at 539.5' ASL.
- **Action Item: Bruce Bond - Create and mail a letter per the above motion.**
- **Action Item: Nate Torr – Send a copy of Phil Warren's letter to the NHDES to the WWAC.**

Septic System Regulation status:

- Nate Torr reported that the dates for the Septic System Health Regulation discussion at a Meredith Selectmen's meeting and public hearing have not yet been set. Nate will continue to pursue.

Membership letter to inactive members:

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- Bruce Bond reported the letter hadn't gone out yet to Pru Tylanda and Bob Wenstrup. There were two schools of thought on the tone of the letter – one was to ask the member to recommit to being active or resign, the other was to say their inactivity was considered to be a resignation and they are no longer members, but could request membership by applying anew. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the intent from the November meeting was to send a letter with the softer tone – recommit to be active or resign. A no response will be considered a resignation.

Storm Water Runoff report:

- Tim Whiting reported that he hadn't yet walked the lake to assess the lakefront properties regarding runoff threats. He is waiting for the ice to be safer.
- Stan Wallerstein reported he sent a letter to UNH's Margaret Hagan for her input on this subject.

Other Business:

- Duncan McNeish requested that the WWAC agenda be made available before the meetings. Bruce agreed to include him as a cc on his e-mail for each meeting's agenda.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:22 am.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 2/2/2011 at 9:00 am in the Town Hall Annex.

These minutes were approved as drafted at the 2/16/2011 WWAC meeting.