

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes February 1, 2006

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Randy Eifert
Caroline Gosse
Roger Hogan

Bonnie Ireland
Peter Miller
Bob Vogler
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

Bob Hill

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Bruce Bond.

The January 11, 2006 meeting minutes were approved as written.

Bruce reported the Lion's Club presentation went well on 1/24/06. About 10 Lion's members attended the meeting. No potential WWAC volunteers were identified.

A discussion was held on the proposed Meredith plan for the Waukewan Watershed Overlay District. Bruce reported that the January 17, 2006 public hearing regarding this plan went well and the plan was in general well received. The WWAC members agreed that this is an important change to protect the water in the Waukewan watershed and that the WWAC needs to promote its passage as rigorously as possible. Several promotional ideas were discussed; they are:

1. Create some billboard signs and place them around town as soon as possible recommending Approval of this article on the ballot. Several locations of these billboards were suggested – Billboard on Route 3 by MacDonald's, Town Transfer Station and Water Filtration Plant. Peter indicated that since the town supported the overlay district proposal, that WWAC could utilize town property to put up billboard type signs with approval of the Town Manager. However, Peter felt that the use of town money to print those signs would not be appropriate.

Action Item: Bruce Bond to contact Jeanie Forrester for support to create these signs and place the signs. Bruce will also contact Bobby Smyth for support to create the signs. Determine the cost of producing these posters.

2. Submit letters to the editors of the Meredith News, Laconia Daily Sun and Laconia Citizen.

Action Item: Bruce Bond will draft a letter for this and e-mail to all members for suggestions/approval before he sends it to the papers.

3. Create handout flyers explaining the importance of protecting Meredith's water supply. Hand these out at the Meredith Transfer Station on Saturdays.

Action Item: Tim Whiting to establish a list to have a WWAC member on duty at the Transfer Station.

4. Create a poster explaining the importance of this article. Display it on Election Day near the polling place. Staff WWAC members at the poster to answer any voter questions about this article.

Peter Miller suggested that the WWAC also assist in supporting the passage of designating the Feltham property as Town Forest at the Meredith Town Meeting on March 15, 2006.

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Bob Hill reported that he had asked one engineering group to estimate what the cost would be to do a study to determine the cost to extend the Meredith sewer line to the West Shore of Lake Waukewan. He estimated the study to cost \$25,000.

Peter Miller updated the status of the 2006 Meredith budget. He said there is a desire to reduce the budget and the \$25,000 allocated for the WWAC activities may be reduced as well as other budget items.

Bruce reported that Granite State Rural Water has asked Bruce, representing the WWAC, and a member of the Sunapee Watershed group to join them for a day long meeting in Washington, DC to meet with a Senator Judd Gregg and others regarding a discussion on water protection. Reportedly there may be some financial grants that could be available for activities like ours. This meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2006. Granite State Rural Water is paying for the travel expenses.

Bruce has compiled our comments on the letter he drafted for Meredith to send to the NHDOT regarding the removal of the discarded railroad ties in the watershed. Peter Miller suggested that he contact Carol Granfield to see if the town may have already sent such a letter. Bruce will contact Carol Granfield.

Bruce reported a property in New Hampton on the Snake River has been offered for sale and is already under contract. It's a 3.1 acre property with an 800 foot frontage on the Snake River. It currently has a small cabin on it. He felt this would be a good property to perhaps put in conservation considering the importance of the Snake River to the Waukewan Watershed.

Waukewan Watershed Management Plan presentations:

Scheduled:

- **Kiwanis** – Thursday April 20, 2006 at 7:30pm at Gilligan's (old Maurice Restaurant) on Rte 25 in Moultonborough.

TBD:

- **Holderness** town management – John Edgar & Bruce Bond coordinating.
- **Meredith Rotary Club** – Randy is coordinating.
- **Waukewan & Winona Shore Owners Associations** – Not scheduled yet. Goal would be to meet with both groups' Board of Directors to present the Plan. Bruce is coordinating.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 7:00pm.
 Meredith Town Hall Annex

Future Meetings: March 1, 2006, March 22, 2006 to avoid conflict with the Meredith
 Town Meeting on March 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These minutes were approved at the Feb 15, 2006 meeting.