

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2010

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Bill Corr
Randy Eifert
Michelle Therrien
Bob Vogler

Staff Present:

Angela LaBrecque
John Edgar

Visitors:

Duncan McNeish, WSOA Director

Agenda:

- Approve the minutes from the 1/20/10 meeting.
- Warrant article status from Stan W.
- Septic System Health Ordinance status
- Lawn Care sub-committee update from Randy E.
- Dissolved Oxygen Lake Waukegan issue
- Other business

Prior to having a quorum of five, John Edgar asked if he could provide an update on the Septic System Ordinance and Spear property acquisition.

Septic System Health Ordinance:

- The Septic System committee is working to define *What constitutes a septic system assessment?* This is very important in order to have a clear expectation of what the property owner must do to have their septic system assessed by a licensed septic system designer.
- The plan is to have an assessment certification document which is signed by the property owner and the licensed septic system designer with copies to both and the town.
- Also need to define how to handle any situations where the property owner has been notified that they must have a septic system assessment and they don't comply.

Spear Property status:

- Meredith Conservation Commission prefers a conservation easement not a stewardship concept for this property.
- Although not yet committed from the Meredith Conservation Commission, it is believed the MCC will earmark up to \$10,000 toward the acquisition of the Spear property.
- At the January WWAC meeting, Stan Wallerstein took the action to draft a Warrant article by 2/5/10 for the Meredith town meeting. Duncan McNeish reported that it is his understanding that subsequent to the 1/20/10 WWAC meeting, it was determined that it was ill advised to pursue the Warrant article and the action was dropped.
- John Edgar reported that both Center Harbor and New Hampton are currently engaging Rick Vanderpol to do a Natural Resources Inventory of their towns. Having this completed will provide a great resource in the future for conservation activities.

Having a quorum at 8:40 am, Bruce opened the WWAC meeting.

The **1/20/10 WWAC meeting minutes were approved** as had been drafted.

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Lawn Care Sub-committee report:

- Randy reported that 5 Fact Sheets are being prepared, 2 regarding phosphorus, 2 regarding pesticides and 1 regarding the state regulation of the no pesticide application within 250 feet of the water's edge in the Waukegan Watershed. Additionally the plan is to have small pledge signs that businesses and property owners can put on their lawns stating they are phosphorus and pesticide free.
- Randy requested approval of WWAC funds for up to \$3000 to cover the cost of the printing of the Fact Sheets and pledge signs. The WWAC members present voted unanimously their approval.

Waukegan Shore Owners Association update:

- Duncan reported that they are applying for a grant from the NHDES Aquatic Resources Mitigation Fund to be used toward the purchase of the Spear property. WSOA is working on the language of this grant request, in collaboration with the towns of Meredith and New Hampton.

Lake Waukegan Dissolved Oxygen issue:

- Angela informed us that the State regards Lake Waukegan as impaired based on the measurement of Saturated Dissolved Oxygen. Lake Waukegan being considered as a Class A lake has a more stringent Saturated Dissolved Oxygen level than Lake Winnepesaukee which is a Class B lake.
- Angela reported that the principal target to improve the Saturated Dissolved Oxygen is to reduce the phosphorus entering the lake.
- Low dissolved oxygen can be improved by surface agitation of the lake, i.e. waves, boat activity, aeration, etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 3/17/10 at 8:00 am in the Town Hall Annex.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These minutes were approved as had been updated at the WWAC 3/17/10 meeting.