

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2008

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Bill Corr
Randy Eifert
Michelle Therrien
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

Angela LaBrecque
John Edgar

Visitors:

Steve Kahl, PSU
Jared Teutsch, NH Lakes Association

The meeting was called to order at 0805

The first order of business was a discussion about the disposition of the balance of approximately \$21,000 of grant related money from NHDES. It had been agreed at previous meeting that the remaining money would be employed in some public outreach effort. A demonstration to improve a to-be-designated undeveloped, developed or municipal property within the Waukewan Watershed. Jared described the Conservation Corp as an organization of high school students employed by NH Lakes Association which conduct environmental restoration projects. The WWAC has been requested to identify a number of properties within the watershed which would be good candidates for restoration employing rain gardens and berms to improve storm water infusion. Permission of the owner will be required. The project has an April 14th deadline for Governor's Council approval. NH Lakes Association will be the applicant for the grant money. The grant is subject to 40% matching funds. WWAC members will identify by the next WWAC meeting a number of potential properties which would work well as demonstration candidates.

Next item was to approve the minutes of the WWAC 1/24 meeting. No changes to the minutes were proposed. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

The WWAC meeting days and times were discussed after receiving input from a number of the members. The general consensus for the best time for subsequent meetings is for the **2nd and 4th Thursdays at 8 AM until 10 AM**. The town will be looking for the best meeting location. Bruce will advise where the next meeting will be held once the town decides availability.

The budgeted funding recommended for the 2008 year is \$31,841.43 which is made up of encumbered funds from the past two years.

Discussion concerning the 2 acre watershed overlay district in New Hampton was enjoined. A Laconia Daily Sun letter-to-the-editor in support of the proposed article # 3 on the New Hampton Town warrant was presented. Subsequent to the meeting it was learned the 2 acre overlay district was overwhelmingly approved. Thank you to the New Hampton members of the Committee for their support in getting the word out to the populace.

Under other business, John Edgar requested the chair determine the status of the commercial BMP interviews conducted by Granite State Rural Water during the summer /fall of 2007. Also, the Chair was asked to find out the status of the Committee's 1/28/08 request to the town to approve an appropriation of \$5,450 for aerial photography of the watershed shorelines. The contractor will have a very short period of time between snow melt and leaf blooming during which to execute these photos.

Meeting was adjourned 0955 AM.

Minutes submitted by Bruce Bond.

These minutes were approved at the March 27, 2008 meeting.