

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2010

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Bill Corr
Randy Eifert
Bob Vogler
Stan Wallerstein
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

Angela LaBrecque

Visitors:

Duncan McNeish, WSOA Director

Agenda:

- Approve the minutes from the 2/17/10 meeting.
- Updated status of WSOA activity re: Spear Property acquisition.
- Update of Lawn Care subcommittee activities
- Discussion on dissolved oxygen issue and aeration option.
- Other business (health ordinance, other)

Having a quorum, Bruce opened the WWAC meeting at 8:03 am.

Winnepesaukee Watershed Management plan:

- John Edgar presented a brief update on the work Meredith is doing with Laconia to develop a Winnepesaukee Watershed Management plan.
- Focus is on reducing/managing the phosphorus level in the lake.
- Representing Meredith, John Edgar has identified several sources of concern:
 - Catch basins
 - Monkey Pond
 - Hawkins Brookto name a few. John requested input from the WWAC for any issues which he would in turn bring to the Winnepesaukee Watershed team.

The **2/17/10 WWAC meeting minutes were approved** as had been updated.

Spear Property/Waukewan Shore Owners Association update:

- Re: the application for a grant, Duncan reported that the WSOA concluded that preparing the grant request was such an arduous task that they elected to drop its pursuit.
- Duncan reported that a letter was hand delivered on Monday 3/15/10 to Mr. Stowell's office outlining the conditions on which the WSOA would pursue the Spear property purchase. The letter requested Mr. Stowell's response by Friday 3/19/10.
- Bruce reported that the Center Harbor Conservation Commission is pursuing that the Snake River be declared a Prime Wetlands area.

Lawn Care Sub-committee report:

- Randy reported that 1000 copies each of 3 fliers were printed. Flier #1 has a No Phosphorus statement on one side and a No Pesticide statement on the other side. Likewise, Flier #2 has the same, but uses different facts to rationalize the No Phosphorus/No Pesticide statements. Flier #3 points out the NH regulation of no Pesticide application within 250' of the water's edge in the Waukewan Watershed.
- Randy expects the next Lawn Care Subcommittee meeting on March 31 @ 8:00 am to be its last meeting.

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- Angela reported that the Lawn Care Subcommittee report is on the Meredith Selectmen's Workshop agenda for May 4th. Since people start applying lawn treatments in March & April, the Lawn Care Subcommittee will proceed immediately to getting the No Phosphorus/No Pesticide word out. It had been hoped that the Selectmen would be briefed on these activities before the Subcommittee went public.
- It was suggested that Randy attend the next Meredith Selectmen's Meeting, in order to make the Selectmen aware of the Lawn Care plans, during the Meeting's "Other Business" timeslot.

Lake Waukewan Dissolved Oxygen issue:

- Bruce reported on an activity that is evaluating the effectiveness of wind driven aerators on a small pond in NH. This could potentially be a solution to improving the dissolved oxygen level in the Waukewan Watershed.

Septic System Health Ordinance status:

- Bruce reported that the committee creating this ordinance is still waiting for David Ames' input. This is believed to be the last element to complete the ordinance.
- It was suggested that this Health Ordinance be included with the Lawn Care report at the 5/4/10 Selectmen's workshop.

Impervious Surfaces:

- Stan Wallerstein suggested that perhaps the topic of impervious surfaces and its effect on run-off should our next focus point.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 4/21/10 at 8:00 am in the Town Hall Annex.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These minutes were approved as drafted at the 4/21/10 WWAC Meeting