

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2007

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Randy Eifert
Bonnie Ireland
Bob Vogler
Bob Wenstrup
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

Bob Hill

Visitors:

Roger Hogan

Proposed Agenda:

- Acceptance of minutes from the 2/22/07 and 3/8/07 meetings
- Additions to WWAC mission spreadsheet
- Status Holderness overlay district
- Status web page text
- Discussion/update on septic system/building permit linkage
- Discussion Waukewan lake level
- Town Meeting/Elections in relationship to WWAC
- Other business

Chairman, Bruce Bond called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Community Center.

The WWAC Meeting Minutes from 2/22/07 and 3/8/07 were approved as written.

Additions/Comments to WWAC Action Item status spreadsheet:

- Bruce Bond and Randy Eifert submitted mark-ups for the spreadsheet. Bob Vogler will update the spreadsheet accordingly.
- **Action Item** – Request all WWAC members to submit comments particularly for the Status column of the spreadsheet to reflect any work done on each of the 67 action items.
- The intent of this spreadsheet is to include it on the Waukewan Watershed web-site when fully updated.

Septic System Status:

- Bruce Bond handed out a copy of the draft John Edgar has been working on.
- **Action Item** - Bruce agreed to e-mail a copy of this draft in WORD format to all WWAC members.
- Bruce reported that John continues to work on this document.

Limiting Haz-Mat trucks on Waukewan St & Waukewan Road:

- Bruce Bond reported that a DOT person has stated that State roads must remain open for all traffic. Town roads can have this type of restriction. Waukewan Road is a state road. Waukewan Street is a town road.
- Still waiting for the Meredith Town Manager to call a follow-up meeting from the 1/24/07 meeting on this subject.

Holderness Overlay District Status:

Earl Hansen, Holderness Town Planning Chairman, has reported that Holderness adopted a "Waukewan Watershed Area" as an overlay for the zoning map. At this time it is envisioned as a notification of those persons in the area that they live in a drinking water supply watershed. The

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minimum lot size in the area remains at 1 acre providing slopes and soils permit. Much of the land in this area is either steep or wet soils so the lot size would probably be larger for most of this area. A recent subdivision in the area (5 lots) had more than 5 acres for each lot.

In the future we may add more to this area. Our push this year will be to work on steep slopes and erosion control for the whole town. We are also watching closely your discussions regarding other watershed issues. In particular the oil tank and septic inspections.

Waukegan Watershed Website:

- Bob Wenstrup is working on it. Bob passed around a copy of pages that he has drafted to show the direction he is pursuing. Bob hopes to have much more done a month from now.
- The intent is to include on the website all documents that the WWAC creates such as:
 - Oil Storage Tank document
 - Letter sent to the HNDOT re: the removal of discarded railroad ties along the RR tracks.
 - Status Spreadsheet of the Waukegan Watershed Management Plan.

Lake Waukegan water level:

- Bob Hill reminded us again that the controlling dam is owned by the Mills Falls Organization. Bob says they are very cooperative to any requests he has re: increasing or decreasing the water flow through the dam.
- The current process to control the water level is for Bob Hill to call Mills Falls and make his request to increase or decrease the flow, i.e. remove or add boards in the dam.
- It was agreed by the WWAC members that a water level of 540 feet above sea level would be the preferred target level for Lake Waukegan.

Town Meeting/Elections re: WWAC

- It is believed that the WWAC has an approved 2007 budget of \$25,000.
- It is not known yet who the Selectmen's representative to the WWAC will be.

Other business:

- It was suggested that a new ordinance topic re: Guidelines for logging and clearing property where intermittent streams are involved be considered. Currently it is believed there are no restrictions or considerations required about driving across these intermittent streams.
- Bruce reported that Jennifer Palmiotto would like to come to our meeting on April 26th to see our progress. We welcome you, Jennifer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2007 at 6:00pm - 8:00pm at the Meredith Community Center.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These minutes were approved at the April 26, 2007 WWAC meeting.