Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes May 20, 2009

Members Present:Staff Present:Visitors:Bruce BondJohn EdgarBob Morency

Bruce Bond
Bill Corr
Randy Eifert
John Hodsdon
Bonnie Ireland
Michelle Therrien
Bob Vogler
Tim Whiting

Agenda:

- Approval of minutes of the April 15, 2009 WWAC meeting
- Discussion draft health ordinance
- Discussion WSOA letters to town re: chloride test results and other issues
- Update on hazmat trucking on Waukewan and Winona Roads
- Status of WSOA fund raising for Spear property preservation
- Other business

Chairman Bruce Bond called the meeting to order @ 8:03 am

John Edgar provided an update on several topics:

- 1. Angela LaBrecque gave birth to a baby girl. Congrats Angela. We look forward to your returning to our committee meetings in the near future.
- 2. The town of Meredith has received notification that the Railroad will be conducting spraying along the tracks.
- 3. Meredith has received a letter from the Waukewan Shore Owners Association (WSOA) regarding several issues including measured chloride levels taken in April 2009 and a lake water level proposal. John is requesting that the WWAC and WSOA discuss these issues; hopefully reach an agreement and the WWAC make a recommendation based on the agreements to the Meredith Board of Selectmen.
- 4. John reported that he and Tim Whiting had agreed on the funding the Town of Meredith will provide for the 2009 Lake Host program.

The 4/15/09 WWAC meeting minutes were approved as had been updated.

For those who may not have heard, Bruce reported the recent passing of one of our WWAC members, Bobby Smyth. Bobby was very active in the support of protecting our wonderful environment in the Lakes Region. Bobby will be missed. On June 6th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm there will be a Celebration of her life at her home on Arbutus Hill Road in Meredith that is open to all who choose to attend.

Discussion of the proposed health ordinance re: septic system inspections:

• Bruce Bond drafted a revised Proposed Meredith Health Ordinance and on 4/18/09 e-mailed it to all members for comment. Bruce received comments from Randy Eifert who indicated he approved the draft and from Bob Vogler who indicated he felt the WWAC should provide the reasons behind our requests and to let the appropriate town managers create the Health Ordinance modifications. Bruce did agree that this would be the appropriate way to proceed. However, he believes if the development of an expanded health ordinance addressing the subject of septic systems around Lake Waukewan is left up to the town, that it may never see the light of day.

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- After discussion, it was agreed that Bruce's Proposed Health Ordinance with a cover letter would be submitted to the Meredith Selectmen.
- Action Item: WWAC members Send your comments, approval or change requests on Bruce's draft proposal to Bruce ASAP.

Discussion on WSOA letter to Town of Meredith:

- It was agreed to form a subcommittee to work with the WSOA regarding the issues/recommendations in their two letters to Meredith. The intent is for this subcommittee to meet with WSOA members.
- Members of this WWAC subcommittee are: Randy Eifert, Tim Whiting & Bill Corr.

Hazmat trucking on Waukewan Road update:

- The Meredith Selectmen have sent a letter to the NHDOT and to date have not received a response from them.
- Bruce reported that NHDOT has requested that New Hampton and Center Harbor also submit letters to NHDOT supporting the request to prohibit pass through trucking of Hazmat materials on Winona & Waukewan Roads. Bruce reported he has contacted both towns to do so.

Spear property status:

• The WSOA is heading up the task of fund-raising to acquire the 8.5 acre parcel on the Snake River. At the meeting Bill Corr, who is also a director of the WSOA, was asked to give a status report on this project. Bill reported that the WSOA has requested Deb Reynolds to contact the Spear property owners to negotiate a price, but the owners have not yet responded.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 6/17/09 at 8:00 am in the Town Hall Annex.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These minutes were approved as had been updated twice at the 6/18/09 WWAC meeting.