

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes May 25, 2006

Members Present:

Randy Eifert
Caroline Gosse
John Hodsdon
Roger Hogan
Bonnie Ireland
Peter Miller
Pru Tylenda
Bob Vogler
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

John Edgar

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Bonnie Ireland.

The May 11, 2006 meeting minutes were approved with corrections.

Tim Whiting, Roger Hogan and Bruce Bond attended a NHDES Source Water Protection Seminar in Concord on May 18. Tim reported that the University of Rhode Island has done an extensive study on septic systems. They have a document "A Series About Onsite Wastewater Treatment Alternatives" dated Jan 2005 that is available in pdf format at www.uri.edu/ce/wq. The study includes information about alternative systems for lots that are substandard for septic system purposes.

John Edgar provided copies of eleven handouts regarding septic systems for our reading and research pleasure. Roger Hogan and Tim Whiting also brought to our attention numerous other documents regarding septic systems.

John Edgar reported that Meredith has a fund of about \$25,000 for the purpose of helping needy parties who have a failed septic system. Essentially it is in the form of a loan or lien on the property that is eventually paid back to the town.

John Edgar agreed to pursue Holderness' interest in having a common Overlay District for the Waukegan Watershed as expressed by Earl Hansen from Holderness.

Peter Miller suggested that we should have a goal to have a septic system handout available for the July 15, 2006 presentation meeting with the four shore owners groups. The WWAC agreed to focus on pulling together a packet of septic system educational material for handouts at the July 15th meeting at our next 2-3 meetings.

Tim Whiting suggested that Tom Fairbrother of Lakeside Plumbing would be a very helpful member of the WWAC and that Tom has expressed interest in becoming a member. Tim will pursue getting Tom on board. Tim feels Tom would be very helpful especially regarding septic systems.

John Edgar agreed to get specific information on Septic Systems and their Inspections for our June 22nd meeting, e.g. what is the cost of a typical septic system installation both new and replacement?, what does a septic system inspection entail? and can homeowners do the inspection themselves?

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Scheduled Waukewan Watershed Management Plan presentations:

- **Waukewan Shore Owners Association,**
Winona Shore Owners Associations,
Winona Shores Association &
Winona Forest Association – Saturday July 15, 2006 at
10:00am at the Meredith Community Center.

Next Meeting: June 8, 2006 at 7:00pm - 9:00pm at the Meredith
Town Hall Annex.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These minutes were approved at the June 8, 2006 meeting.