

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2007

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Randy Eifert
John Hodsdon
Bonnie Ireland
Pru Tylenda
Bob Vogler
Bob Wenstrup
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

Jacquie Colburn

Visitors:

Bill Corr
Dave Curran

Proposed Agenda:

- Approve minutes of the 6/28/07 meeting
- Continuing discussion web page development
- Discussion herbicide usage along RR tracks & used RR tie piles
- Discussion of “water” companies usage of Saw Mill Shores Road
- Review draft of follow-up letter re: Waukegan Beach 11/19/06 memo
- Status VOC testing and Commercial BMP interviews
- New Jersey beetles to attack purple loosestrife invasive weed in Monkey Pond area
- New business

Chairman, Bruce Bond called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm at the Community Center.

The WWAC Meeting Minutes from 6/28/07 were approved as had been updated.

RR Herbicide use/RR tie stack:

- Randy had distributed photos along the RR tracks showing what appears to be a defoliation and stacks of old RR ties from the replacement of some of the RR ties.
- WWAC concerns are:
 - 1) Do the replacement RR ties use creosote or other toxic preservative?
 - 2) When will the stacks of old RR ties be removed?
 - 3) Was the apparent herbicide application done by a licensed person?
 - 4) What was the herbicide that was used?
- Action Item: Bruce Bond will contact the RR management to get answers to these concerns.

Saw Mill Shores Road water drawing:

- Residents have observed swimming pool companies drawing water out of the stream off of Saw Mill Shores Road to fill large tanker trucks.
- Jacquie Colburn provided several copies of a 2007 NHDES document titled “Water Withdrawals from Surface Waters for Bulk Transport and Delivery”. This document can be reviewed via <http://www.des.nh.gov/factsheets/ws/ws-1-17.htm>. In short this document says:
 - No permit is needed to draw water out.
 - Permission from the land owner is required where the water is being drawn.
 - Withdrawal cannot create an adverse impact.
 - Withdrawal must be reasonable with respect to the uses of others.

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Waukegan Town Beach Letter

- Bruce Bond had sent a letter in behalf of the WWAC on 1/11/07 to Carol Granfield requesting that the Lake Waukegan public beach use be de-emphasized. One specific request was to not bus children to the Lake Waukegan Beach, but instead use the Leavitt Park Beach for these organized summer programs.
- Bruce drafted a follow-up letter having received no response from the 1/11/07 letter. The WWAC members have approved the letter as drafted. Bruce will send this to Carol Granfield.

VOC Testing & Commercial BMPs investigation:

- With Bob Hill not present, we could not confirm that the contract was given to GSRWA.
- The test results from the water sample taken in June are not available yet.

New Jersey beetles to attack purple loosestrife invasive weed in Monkey Pond area:

- There was an article in the Daily Sun about New Jersey beetles being used to attack the invasive purple loosestrife weed in the Monkey Pond area.
- We have learned these beetles have been used for many years in NH. Jacquie Colburn and Bob Wenstrup convinced the WWAC that this is a good safe way to control the purple loosestrife.

Web Page Status:

- Eric Ferland was not available to attend tonight's meeting as we had hoped.
- Caroline Gosse had reported that her son, a software engineer, had estimated the task to set up the web page per Bob Wenstrup's design would be about \$3000.00.
- After some discussion it was consensus of the WWAC that we would prefer to have the Waukegan Watershed web pages remain on the Meredith web site.
- Bruce will request a meeting with Eric Ferland perhaps next week with Bob Wenstrup and Bruce Bond. If possible Bob Vogler and Randy Eifert would like to also join that meeting.

WWAC Membership:

- Bruce sent e-mails to Jeff Moody and Carl Johnson asking their intentions about being active members of the WWAC. No response yet.
- Pru reported that Dan Moore would like to rejoin the WWAC upon his return from Europe.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Next Meeting: **Tentatively July 26, 2007 at 7:00pm - 9:00pm at the Meredith Community Center. (Note the time change from 6:00 to 7:00)**
If the meeting can be arranged with PSU, the next meeting may be either on Wednesday 7/18 or 7/25 at 7:00 pm in the Community Center.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These minutes approved at the July 26, 2007 WWAC meeting.