

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes July 15, 2009

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Bill Corr
Randy Eifert
Michelle Therrien
Pru Tylenda
Bob Vogler
Bob Wenstrup
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

Visitors:

Kay Anderson, WSOA Director
Duncan McNeish, WSOA Director
Bob Morency

Agenda:

- Approval of minutes of the June 18, 2009 WWAC meeting
- Continued discussion re: chloride levels in Lake Waukewan.
- Continued discussion of Lake Waukewan lake level management issue.
- Continued discussion Snake River Spear property acquisition.
- Hazmat trucking status.
- Fence at Snake River bridge.
- Other business

Having a quorum, Chairman Bruce Bond called the meeting to order @ 8:10 am.

The **6/18/09 WWAC meeting minutes were approved** as had been updated.

Chloride levels in Lake Waukewan:

- Randy had contacted the Waukewan Village management about use of road salt in their complex and was informed that sand, no salt, is used.
- Duncan McNeish reported he was unsuccessful in reaching the Meredith Water Dept to find out if they had been measuring the chloride levels at the water intake. He agreed to continue pursuing this.

Note: Subsequent to this meeting, Duncan did reach the Water dept and was informed that they have only been testing for E-Coli at the water input point for the past several years.

- WSOA will continue taking water samples at various lake points each month.
- On-going agreement:
 - WSOA to continue water testing in Lake Waukewan for chloride.
 - Get an expert evaluation of the effect of chloride in the lake.
 - Develop practical actions on how to reduce the chloride levels in the lake.

Lake level management:

- Bruce reported he had received a 7/6/09 letter from NHDES Jim Weber, Dam Safety Eng. The letter indicates the Dam Bureau plans to host a public hearing in the Meredith area. No meeting date has been specified yet.
- After some discussion, it seems there are two concerns regarding the lake level – one is the effect on water quality and the other is the effect on property reference lines and recreational use of the lake. Bob Vogler summarized that there seems to be two camps on water level – the 539' ASL camp and the 540' ASL camp.
- It was agreed that we should invite an expert on water quality to evaluate the effect of keeping the lake at the 539' or 540' level.

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Snake River Spear Property status:

- Bruce reported that all Spear property parcels have been sold except for the 8.5 acre parcel on the Snake River that had been pursued to be put in conservation.
- At our last meeting, WSOA directors reported that Bob Stowell had not responded to many attempts to contact him regarding the purchase of the property. Bruce Bond sent an e-mail to Bob Stowell to determine why he hasn't responded to the WSOA attempts. Bob Stowell replied to Bruce's e-mail saying the \$30K price was meant for a quick sale and that the current price for this parcel is the town tax assessment of \$76K.
- It is believed that this 8.5 acre parcel is a buildable parcel.
- Bruce had followed up on our previous discussion to see if the Snake River could be placed under the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act. Steve Couture, NHDES River Coordinator responded that doing that would be highly unlikely and that the best way to protect the property on the Snake River would be via protected primary wetlands designation.
- **Action Item: Bruce Bond – Contact Bob Stowell to understand exactly where he is on this and to try to understand why he hasn't been responding to WSOA's attempted contacts.**

Hazmat Trucking on Winona & Waukewan Roads status:

- Action on pursuing this road restriction is on hold pending Angela Lebrecque's return from Maternity leave.

Fence at Snake River Bridge:

- NHDOT is being requested to extend the current road barrier on the bridge to cover the area currently covered by the broken wooden fence. The goal is to prevent anyone from launching a boat in this area.

Other Business:

- Bob Vogler brought up an action item from last month's meeting to obtain the septic records for all the New Hampton properties on Lake Waukewan, Snake River and Lake Winona.
- Bruce agreed to contact New Hampton to obtain permission for Bob Vogler and Bruce to go through the New Hampton files to obtain the septic system data for these properties. Hopefully this data will be obtained within the next few weeks.
- Next step would be to go to Concord to obtain the septic system data for the properties in Center Harbor and New Hampton that had no septic system data in their town offices.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:04 am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 8/19/09 at 8:00 am in the Town Hall Annex.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These minutes were approved as drafted at the 8/19/09 WWAC Meeting.