

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes August 9, 2007

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Caroline Gosse
Bob Vogler
Bob Wenstrup
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

Bob Hill

Visitors:

Proposed Agenda:

- Approve minutes of the 7/26/07 meeting
- Discussion on Railroad use of Herbicides
- Status of bilge pillow distribution
- Update on existing septic systems around Lake Waukewan
- Update on web page development
- Update on hazmat cargoes on Waukewan Road
- Update on Holderness and New Hampton watershed overlay districts
- Other business

Chairman, Bruce Bond called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the Community Center.

The **WWAC Meeting Minutes from 7/26/07** were approved as had been updated.

Railroad Herbicides:

- Wendelyn Chapley, Director Division of Pesticide Control, sent a Special Permit on 4/19/07 granting the RR to use the following pesticides:
 - Arsenal Railroad Herbicide
 - Karmex IWC Herbicide
 - Oust Extra Herbicide
- Bruce Bond's research revealed the above Herbicides were not a threat to the environment.
- Meredith is investigating if proper notification by the RR was given as per the Special Permit agreement.

Bilge Pillows:

- Bruce Bond and Bob Vogler distributed bilge pillows to all in-board boats on Lake Waukewan on August 8 & 9, 2007. About 60 pillows were distributed.
- Bob Vogler plans to distribute bilge pillows to all in-boards on Lake Winona the week of August 12th.
- Bruce Bond ordered an additional 50 pillows (100 in total) to complete this distribution.
- This turned out to be an excellent Public Relations move for the WWAC. The people receiving the pillows were very appreciative of our goal to protect the lake. A short note was attached to each pillow explaining its purpose and identifying the Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee as the group behind this distribution.

Septic System Analysis:

- Roger Hogan, Bruce Bond and a Planning Board member on August 28, 2007 will be going through the Meredith files to gather the septic system types of all properties within 250 feet of water bodies in Meredith in the Waukewan Watershed. This data will be input into a spread sheet for analysis purposes.

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Web Page Status:

- Bruce after several tries has not been able to reach Eric Ferland; Eric is not returning his calls.
- Tim Whiting will pursue this issue to get a status update on creating the Waukewan Watershed web pages on the Meredith Town Web Site.

Hazmat Cargoes on Waukewan Road & Waukewan Street:

- The NH Attorney General's office, deputy attorney general for NHDOT, says NHDOT has the right to regulate/control the types of traffic on any state roads.
- This same attorney general has found a 1977 ruling re: a Portsmouth lawsuit that says local governments have the right to regulate traffic if the NHDOT chooses not to regulate on a specific state road.
- John Edgar is working with NHDOT to resolve this issue. The first choice would be for NHDOT to make this regulation for Waukewan Road.
- Re: Waukewan Street, this is a Meredith town road which has signs with a 12,000 pound GVW limitation supposedly posted on them. Bob Wenstrup does remember seeing these signs at the intersection of Main Street & Waukewan Street and at Waukewan Street & Rte 104. Action Item: Bruce Bond will verify the 12,000# limit signs are still there and prominently placed.

Holderness/New Hampton Watershed Overlay Status:

- Earl Hansen, Holderness Town Planning Chairman, has agreed to put a 2 acre minimum for Holderness properties in the Waukewan Watershed on next year's town warrants.
- Bruce Bond anticipates a meeting with New Hampton Town management on this topic in August 2007; they have previously agreed to include a 2 acre minimum for properties in the Waukewan watershed on next year's town warrants.

Follow-up Beach Letter sent to Carol Granfield:

- Still no response from Carol Granfield on our second letter dated 7/12/07 on restricting the use of the Waukewan Public beach for busied-in swimmers.
- Bruce will pursue with selectman Bob Flanders.

VOC Testing/Commercial BMP evaluation:

- Bob Hill reported that GSRWA has begun the Commercial BMP evaluation and that they will be doing the monthly VOC testing for August, September, October and November in 2007.
- The results of the July 2007 test samples are not in yet. Bob Hill agreed to get a copy to Bob Vogler who will scan it and create a PDF file of the results as was done for the June 2007 test results.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Next Meeting: August 23, 2007 @ 7:00pm - 9:00pm at the Meredith Community Center.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These minutes, as had been updated, were approved at the 8/23/07 WWAC meeting.