

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes August 10, 2006

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Caroline Gosse
Roger Hogan
Pru Tylenda
Bob Vogler
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

Bob Hill

Guest Present:

Bob Wenstrup

Proposed Meeting Agenda:

- Acceptance July 27, 2006 meeting minutes
- Continued discussion septic system inspection program
- Other business

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by Bruce Bond.

The July 27, 2006 Meeting Minutes were accepted as they had been amended per the second updated draft.

The intent of this meeting was to focus on the five Septic System actions in the Management Plan.

1. Develop and implement a septic system inspection program. (1.1.A)

- Bruce opened the discussion asking if there should be different inspection requirements for Unapproved (installed before there were government standards) and Approved Septic Systems.
- The discussion then went to an agreement that we need to get more education on the status of septic systems in the watershed. It was agreed that we should talk to some local septic companies to get their ideas and recommendations.
- **Action Items** – Bob Vogler to contact Lamprey Septic and Bruce Bond to contact Maple Ridge Septic.

2. Educate homeowners about septic systems use and maintenance. (1.1.B)

- We have purchased and/or printed 1) *Septic System Recordkeeping File and Owner's Guide* and 2) *You and Your Septic System – A Homeowner's Guide to Septic System Maintenance*.
- The above materials were available as handouts at the July 15th meeting of the Waukewan Shoreowners, Winona Shoreowners, etc.
- The plan now is to personally hand out the above two materials plus a one page summary of the WWAC accomplishments to date. Members of the WWAC will go door to door around Lake Waukewan and Lake Winona to distribute the materials.
- **Action Item** - Bruce will draft a one page WWAC accomplishments-to-date page.

3. Create a water quality monitoring program to identify failing septic systems along the shorelines. (1.1.C)

- This item was not discussed at this meeting.

4. Tie replacement of septic systems to the building permit process. (1.1.D)

- For starters we want to know how each of the 5 towns handle building permits to modify their properties. Do any of the building permits require a septic system upgrade?

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Does adding a bedroom require a septic systems upgrade? Does adding a bathroom require a septic system upgrade?

- Action Items:

Bob V will contact Center Harbor for their procedures on this.

Tim W will contact Meredith for their procedures on this.

Caroline G will contact Ashland for their procedures on this.

Bruce B will contact Holderness for their procedures on this.

Pru T will contact New Hampton for their procedures on this.

Roger H will contact NHDES for their procedures on this.

All 6 people are asked to e-mail their findings to all the WWAC members before the next meeting.

5. **Where a septic system has failed, establish a finance program for cases of economic hardship. (1.1.E).**

- We know that Meredith has a contingency budget of \$20,000 for this. Caroline reported that Ashland had a case like this and Ashland paid to have the septic system fixed and put a lien on the property.

- To find out what the other towns do, the following **action items** were established:

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Does the sale of lakefront property require a Septic System inspection?

Action Item - Roger H will contact NHDES for their procedures on this.

Bob Hill reported that Meredith signed a contract on 8/9/06 for the feasibility study to extend a sewer line around Lake Waukegan and along the Snake River.

New Hampton Old Home Days is August 12th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bruce Bond will set up a table with a number of items that can be taken by the attendees including - 1) *Septic System Recordkeeping File and Owner's Guide* and 2) *You and Your Septic System – A Homeowner's Guide to Septic System Maintenance*.

Scheduled Waukegan Watershed Management Plan presentations:

- Joint meeting with the **Town Planning Boards of Ashland, Center Harbor, Holderness, Meredith & New Hampton** – To be scheduled; John Edgar action to set up.

Next Meeting: August 24, 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 August 24, 2006 meeting.