

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 11, 2008

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
John Hodsdon
Michelle Therrien
Pru Tylenda
Bob Vogler
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

John Edgar

Visitors:

Bob Morency, RCAP Solutions

Agenda:

- Approval of minutes for the 8/28 meeting
- Commercial accounts (Bill Edney)
- Status of sewer extension feasibility study
- Update of NH Lakes Demo Project
- Meeting with NHDES Dam Bureau/Waukewan water level
- Status of septic system ordinance
- Status Spear Property/Snake River
- Status Hazmat trucking prohibition
- Other business

Having a quorum, Chairman Bruce Bond called the meeting to order at 8:23 am at the Town Hall Annex.

The **WWAC Meeting Minutes from 8/28/08** were approved as had been drafted.

Area Flood Damage Update from John Edgar:

- FEMA doesn't cover damage unless it affects more than 100 properties.
- Met with EWP (Emergency Water Protection – US Agriculture Dept) to see if they might be able to assist in some of the damaged properties. Several properties were reviewed; 2 appear to be eligible – Langille property and a property at Neal Brook & Westburg Rd. An assessment team will evaluate these two properties; there are many steps to go on this. If approved, funding would be 75% from EWP and 25% local, either owner or town.

Commercial Accounts:

- Bill Edney was unable to attend. Update rescheduled for next WWAC meeting.

Status of Sewer Feasibility Study:

- Ray Korber provided a windshield tour with John Edgar regarding this study.
- In general, ledge would be the big expense to extend a sewer line around Lake Waukewan. John Edgar had suggested that KV Partners report, break the project report into manageable segments.
- Ray Korber will report on their findings at our next meeting planned for 9/25/08.

Septic System RCAP Mailing:

- Bob Morency reported that he had received 4 post card responses from the over 100 mailings. He will follow-up on the 4 responses and plans to contact some of the properties directly.

NH Lakes Demo Project Status:

- This site restoration project will be presented to the Meredith Selectmen at their 9/15/08 meeting.

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- Two sites are being considered – The Meredith Park next to the Meredith Boat Ramp & Private land owned by Jeff Moody on Lake Waukewan near Mosquito Bridge pending the property owner's approval
- This project is being coordinated by the Meredith Town Planner – Angela Labrecque in conjunction with the NH Lakes Association, NHDES and the WWAC. The demo project itself will be conducted in 2009 and will be supervised by NH Lakes Association.

NHDES Dam Bureau:

- The town of Meredith is working towards a set of procedures to manage the water level of Lake Waukewan. A meeting was held with the NHDES Dam Bureau, Town of Meredith (Angela Labrecque and Bob Hill), Rusty McLear and Bruce Bond representing the WWAC.
- The Dam Bureau says the official water level of Lake Waukewan is 539' above sea level. However, the town of Meredith presented 5 different documents of which 3 said the official level is 540' and 2 said 539'. In general, the lake has been kept at 540'.
- The NHDES Dam Bureau will consider changing the official level to 540'.
- It is a general agreement that 540' is a good summer level for Lake Waukewan.
- The recent flood conditions raised the Lake Waukewan level to about 541'-8" as measured at the Meredith Boat ramp.

Septic System Ordinance Status:

- John Edgar will be presenting this project's status to the Meredith Selectmen on 9/15/08.

Snake River J. E. Spear Property Status:

- Bruce Bond informed the owner via e-mail that we are only interested in this land with the existing trees on it. The trees on the 8.5 acre parcel are all tagged signifying potential harvesting.
- The owner's representative, Robert Stowell, said he would get back to Bruce with a price for the 8.5 acre parcel.

Hazmat trucking on Waukewan & Winona Roads:

- The Committee is continuing to pursue the Town of Meredith to request a meeting with NHDOT to discuss the merits of establishing a thru trucking prohibition on Winona and Waukewan Roads to protect the watershed and promote safety. Two previous communications attempting to have the town schedule this meeting have not been successful. Center Harbor and New Hampton have agreed to support and attend any meeting called with NHDOT. A public hearing will probably be necessary to establish such a prohibition.

New Business:

- A discussion was held regarding keeping the WWAC members informed of activities and mailings of events that Bruce Bond participates in as the WWAC representative. The WWAC members felt by being kept informed they would be better prepared to support his efforts.
- **Action Item: Bruce Bond – Bruce agreed to include the WWAC as cc's on his WWAC correspondence.**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.

Next Meeting: Thursday September 25, 2008 @ 8:00 am – 10:00 am at the Town Hall Annex.

- Tim Whiting and Bob Vogler indicated they would not be able to attend the 9/25/08 meeting.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler and were approved at the 9/25/08 WWAC Meeting as updated.