

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes November 13, 2008

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Bobby Smyth
Michelle Therrien
Pru Tylenda
Bob Vogler
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

Angela Labrecque

Visitors:

Bob Morency

Agenda:

- Approval of minutes for the 10/23/08 WWAC meeting
- Discussion with Bill Hoffmeier, WSOA point on Spear property purchase
- Review current lot coverage by zones within watershed
- Preview septic risk analysis overlay map
- Other business

Having a quorum, Chairman Bruce Bond called the meeting to order at 8:15 am at the Town Hall Annex.

Welcome to Bobby Smyth who was approved by the Meredith Selectmen as a member of the Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee.

The **WWAC Meeting Minutes from 10/23/08** were approved as had been updated.

Spear (Snake River) property discussion:

- Bruce had invited Bill Hoffmeier to this meeting, but he was a no-show.
- Angela Labrecque reported that the Town of Meredith has submitted an Eligibility Application for this conservation purchase which if accepted could provide some funding toward the purchase.
- Via e-mail, Randy Eifert had reported he spoke with Frank Michel and that Frank had agreed to do the legal work pro bono for this purchase. Also Randy spoke with Don Berry, Executive Director at the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, who expressed interest in helping out with the spearheading of the purchase of this property.

Meredith Impervious Surface regulations:

- Angela Labrecque provided a copy of the current Maximum Lot Coverage (13 Mar 1990):

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Max</u>
Forestry/Conservation	25%
Forestry/Rural	25%
Residential	30%
Shoreline	30%
Commercial/Route 3 South	65%
Central Business	65% (except by Special Exception)
Commercial/Meredith Center	65%
Business/Industry	75%

The Meredith Zoning Map can be obtained at

<http://meredithnh.org/pdfdocs/Zoning%20District%20Map.pdf>

- The WWAC is interested in researching this to propose an adjustment to the current maximums.
Action Item: All WWAC members – Do some homework on this topic and present your findings at the next meeting for discussion.

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Septic risk analysis overlay map:

- Michelle Therrien presented a draft of the Septic System Risk analysis map for the Meredith properties within 250' of Lake Waukewan and its tributaries. The map was color coded to show the properties with high risk, moderate risk and low risk.
- A discussion ensued about the status of the health ordinance being developed with the intent to discover/fix any failed septic systems. Bruce Bond reported that the ordinance has not been completed yet. The members were not happy to hear that, considering that failed septic systems have been identified as the number one pollution threat to the Waukewan Watershed.
- This motion was made, seconded and unanimously agreed:
*That a Septic System inspection by a certified inspector is a requirement for the approval of **any** Building Permit on properties within 250 feet of Lake Waukewan and its perennial streams.*

Other Business:

- The State of New Hampshire is considering cutting the budget for the Belknap Conservation district. Via Angela, John Hodsdon requested that the WWAC send a letter to Steve Nadeau to request this budget not be cut. Bruce Bond requested that John Hodsdon draft this letter and he will submit it on a WWAC letterhead.
- **Action Item: Angela Labreque agreed to forward the WWAC motion for the completion of the Sewer Line Feasibility Study contracted with KV Partners.**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

Next Meeting: Thursday December 11, 2008 @ 8:00 am – 10:00 am at the Town Hall Annex.

Note: No meeting 11/27/08, Thanksgiving Day

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These minutes were approved as drafted at the 12/11/08 WWAC Meeting.