

# Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes November 30, 2006

## Members Present:

Bruce Bond  
John Hodsdon  
Bob Vogler  
Bob Wenstrup  
Tim Whiting

## Staff Present:

Bob Hill

## Absent with Notification:

Caroline Gosse  
Randy Eifert  
Bonnie Ireland

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman, Bruce Bond.

## **Proposed Agenda:**

- Approval of previous meeting minutes
- Report on New Hampton Planning Board meeting (Overlay District)
- Report on WWAC presentation at NHDES Watershed Conference
- Welcome Bob Wenstrup
- Discussion development Knisley property
- Discussion approach by Carbon Coalition
- Old Business – Home Heating Oil Storage Tanks
- New Business

The November 9, 2006 Meeting Minutes were accepted as had been updated.

## **Anaboena Algae Bloom:**

Bob Hill reported that an Anaboena Algae bloom was seen this past week in the area from the canal to the public boat ramp. Samples were sent to NHDES who reported it is toxic.

Actions Taken: This area was cordoned off and signs were posted.  
Meredith town management was notified.  
NHDES is coming on 12/1/06 to assess the situation.

## **New Hampton Planning Board Meeting re: Overlay District:**

- Bruce Bond and John Edgar presented a proposal to establish a 2 acre lot minimum for the land in the Waukewan Watershed.
- New Hampton currently has a 2 acre minimum for the land in the Pemigewasset Watershed.
- Bruce reported that he felt the proposal was well received and that they expressed a favorable opinion to go forward to implement the plan. They committed to respond to us in the near future.
- Next step for New Hampton would be to put this on the town ballot next Spring.

## **WWAC Plan presentation at NHDES Watershed Conference:**

- Bruce Bond, John Edgar and Bonnie Ireland presented our Watershed Management Plan.
- 26 people were at this presentation; Bruce felt it was well received.

## **Bob Wenstrup:**

- Bruce reported that Bob Wenstrup application to become a WWAC member was approved by Meredith town management. Welcome Bob!

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## **Carbon Coalition Group:**

- Bruce reported that he was approached by the Carbon Coalition Group at the NHDES Watershed Conference to receive support from the WWAC.
- Carbon Coalition is a non-partisan coalition focused on the Global Warming issue.
- In summary, our committee felt our mission is on water quality which has nothing to do with their mission. Therefore we agreed to decline their approaches to become an active member of their coalition.

## **Knisley Property:**

- Bruce reported that the word on the street is that the property owners are creating a development plan for this property.
- Bob Wenstrup reported that he is of the understanding that the land North of Waukegan St. is not planned to be developed other than a possible new home for the Knisley family.

## **Oil Storage Tanks:**

- Bruce reported no new news on this topic. He is still working on incorporating the information Randy Eifert found into the document.

## **Meredith Beach on Lake Waukegan:**

- A discussion ensued about the Meredith town beach on Lake Waukegan. It was agreed by the WWAC that we should discourage any expansion of the town beach and its parking facilities for the beach.
- At a minimum it was agreed that we should talk to the Meredith Recreation Director to not conduct swimming lessons and other group activities at this beach.
- We also agreed that a sign(s) should be posted at the beach enumerating proper beach hygiene such as:
  - No bathing with soap or shampoo in the lake.
  - No babies in diapers in the lake.
  - No pets swimming in the lake.

## **12/28/06 WWAC Meeting:**

- Bruce reported that Rick Van der Pol would like to present his findings on the tributaries feeding into Lake Waukegan study at this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2006 at 7:00pm - 9:00pm at the Meredith Town Hall Annex.

## **Schedule of future meetings:**

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.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These minutes were approved as amended at the 12/14/06 WWAC meeting.