

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes December 14, 2006

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Randy Eifert
Caroline Gosse
John Hodsdon
Bonnie Ireland
Bob Vogler
Bob Wenstrup
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

Bob Hill

Others Present:

June Hammond Rowan, PSU
Eric Ferland, Meredith IT

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman, Bruce Bond. This meeting was held at the Meredith Community Center, Room A.

Proposed Agenda:

- WWAC Web Page development
- Approval of previous meeting minutes
- Discussion on revised home heating oil tanks memorandum
- Discussion on septic system issues
- New Business

WWAC Web Page development

June Hammond Rowan is the Outreach and Development Coordinator for the Plymouth State University, Center for the Environment. She has been working with Eric Ferland, IT Coordinator for Meredith to produce a Waukewan Watershed Web Page. This activity is part of the NHDES grant to PSU to monitor the tributaries into Lake Waukewan.

- The Web Page is in an early development stage and can be accessed at <http://meredithnh.org/waterprotection.php>
- The goal of the Outreach program is to showcase/highlight the research aspects of the Lake Waukewan grant study.
- June invited any of us to send suggestions regarding the web site to her. Bruce suggested that we send any suggestions through him; he would forward them to June.
- June reported a Feb 22, 2007 public forum of the research results is planned.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The November 30, 2006 Meeting Minutes were accepted as amended.

Lake Waukewan Meredith Town beach

During the discussion to amend last meeting's minutes, it was agreed that the WWAC send a letter to Meredith Town Management that strongly suggests that the parking areas serving the town beach not be further expanded or enhanced. Bruce will prepare this letter.

Home Heating Oil Tanks

- Bruce reported that he had modified the document and will e-mail his draft to the WWAC within the next few days.
- Randy agreed to investigate to get more specifics regarding the funding that may be available from the State of NH for oil spills clean-ups.

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- The intent of this document is for home owners to have an awareness of the serious consequences of oil tank leaks and is to have it published in the Waukewan Shore Owners Association newsletter as well as local publications.

Septic Systems

- Looking to John Edgar to propose the plan he's been considering.

Salting the Roads

- Local road departments are saying salt is less detrimental to the environment than sanding. Recent road activity has been for pure salt spreading on the Meredith roads along the lake.
- This seems contrary to some of our understanding where other communities have signs saying low salt spreading areas – Caution. So the open question is which is worse for the Waukewan Watershed – Salt or Sand?
- Request that Mike Faller, Meredith DPW Manager be invited to one of our meetings to discuss this.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Next Meeting: December 28, 2006 at 7:00pm - 9:00pm at the Meredith
Town Hall Annex.

Schedule of future meetings:

Scheduled Waukewan 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 at the 12/28/06 WWAC meeting.