

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2010

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Bill Corr
Randy Eifert
John Hodsdon
Nate Torr
Bob Vogler
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

Angela LaBrecque

Visitors:

Duncan McNeish

Agenda:

- Approve minutes of 11/17/10 WWAC meeting
- Brief discussion of a NHDES letter to the town on lake level.
- Continued discussion on options to address storm water management
- Health regulation status
- Status New Hampton support for oversized transport vehicles on Winona & Waukewan Roads

Having a quorum, Bruce Bond opened the meeting at 8:07am.

The 11/17/10 WWAC meeting minutes were approved as had been drafted.

Lake water level:

- Bruce Bond handed out copies of an 11/18/2010 letter from the NHDES sent to the Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee via John Edgar. In short, this 5 page letter asks for "...any information that you (WWAC) may have relative to how impoundment levels may affect issues or conditions of concern to or regulated by WWAC so that we (NHDES) may consider it prior to issuing a final determination on how the dam at the outlet of the lake will be managed in the future."
- Bruce further reported that the Town of Meredith doesn't want to respond to the NHDES letter.
- Bob Vogler opined that it is very reasonable for the WWAC to be asked and to provide such an opinion. The WWAC mission is to protect the Waukewan Watershed's water quality.
- Several members expressed strong displeasure with not having received a copy of this letter weeks ago, when it was received and the town's apparent desire to suppress any opinion on the water level. Bruce said he had received a copy of the letter about two weeks ago.
- Overall, it is the WWAC member's opinion that we should have had the opportunity to render our opinion and to receive copies of documents like this when received via e-mail or mail.
- Bob Vogler made the following motion: The WWAC sees no water quality issue for Lake Waukewan if the water is kept between the levels of 538.0 to 540.5 feet above sea level. After some discussion the motion was seconded. And after more discussion, it was decided to table the motion, but to ask Nate Torr to present our concerns to the Meredith Selectmen and Town Management.
- **Action Item: Nate Torr – Present to the Meredith Selectmen and Town Management on**
 - 1) **WWAC desires to provide a response to the NHDES letter directed to the WWAC and**
 - 2) **WWAC members are not pleased with the apparent desire to suppress any opinion from the WWAC.**

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Septic System Regulation status:

- Bruce reported that he did request the Waukegan Shore Owners Association (WSOA) board to send a letter of support for the regulation. At their recent meeting, the WSOA board had voted unanimously for the approval to send such a letter to the Town of Meredith.
- Nate Torr reported that he felt there are two additional steps required to put this regulation in effect – 1) to be approved at a Meredith Selectmen’s meeting and 2) to hold a public hearing on the regulation. Nate said at this time the Selectmen are focused on the town’s budget, but he felt when the budget was completed, the regulation would be put on the Selectmen’s agenda near term.

Vegetated Buffer working group:

- Tim Whiting reported that they had been working on a shorefront analysis using the aerial photos with the intent to identify properties with high slopes and little or no vegetated buffers at the shorefront. When the lakes are frozen and capable of being walked on, additional assessment will be done.

New Hampton Support for ban of hazardous trucking on Waukegan/Winona Roads:

- Bill Corr reported that the Town of New Hampton has not yet responded to his request for a meeting with Barbara Lucas, Bruce Bond and Bill Corr to discuss getting New Hampton’s support.

Winnepesaukee Watershed Committee report:

- For our information, John Hodsdon reported that a 319 Grant was approved for the Center Harbor Subwatershed phosphorous assessment. The 319 Grant for the Moultonboro Subwatershed was not approved.
- John also reported that House Bill 1305 to support the Federal Clean Water Act is on hold.
- John also reported that a bill has been submitted to repeal the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act.

Membership Notification:

- **Action Item: Angela Labrecque – Send a letter to Bob Wenstrup and Pru Tylenda asking them for their commitment to attend the WWAC meetings as an active member or resign.**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 1/5/2011 at 9:00 am in the Town Hall Annex.

These minutes were approved as had been updated at the 1/5/11 WWAC meeting.