

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes December 28, 2006

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Consultants
Randy Eifert
John Hodsdon
Peter Miller
Bob Vogler
Bob Wenstrup
Tim Whiting

Staff Present:

Bob Hill

Others Present:

Rick Van de Poll, Ecosystem Management
Michelle Therrien, Meredith IT
Roger Hogan
Sheila Schmitt, Meredith News

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Chairman, Bruce Bond.

The 12/14/06 Meeting Minutes were approved as drafted.

Heating Oil Tanks

- Bruce Bond handed out a revised draft of Jeff Moody's draft for everyone's review. Please send any changes/suggestions to Bruce.
- Randy is seeking information from the State of NH regarding details of the programs they have to assist the clean-up of any oil spills. He has asked Jacquie Colburn for a contact person who can provide this information. Randy will forward this information to Bruce when obtained.

Town Beach Parking

- Bruce reported that he has had a discussion with John Edgar about the parking situation in the Lake Waukewan town beach area. John's position on this issue is there are no new parking spaces. Meredith has paved the previously gravel parking area across the railroad tracks from the beach. If and when it is lined, using 10 foot parking spaces, Bruce estimates it will provide 10-12 parking spaces. Bruce reported that when the new toilet/shower facility planned to be built across Waukewan Street from the beach will also have 7 parking spaces – one reserved for town employee use only for servicing the pump house, one for handicapped parking and five for open parking. John Edgar pointed out that the parking area near the beach hasn't been increased, but perhaps more organized.
- After some discussion, it was agreed by all that the real goal for the WWAC was to minimize the use of the Lake Waukewan town beach, not to debate about parking spaces. To achieve this the following suggestions were offered:
 - Direct major town recreational activities to use the Leavitt Park beach or any other town beach.
 - That the Lake Waukewan beach be regarded as a Meredith Town Beach and not a public beach.
 - Signage for the beach be created listing expected good hygiene behavior – specifically regarding babies in diapers should not be swimming in the lake.
- Bruce will revise the drafted letter to Meredith Town Management on this issue.

Rick Van de Poll, PhD Ecosystem Management Consultants – Tributary Presentation

- As part of the Grant awarded to Plymouth State University to do a baseline study of the tributaries into Lake Waukewan, Rick presented on some preliminary, unofficial findings.
- The three Data Quality Objects of this study are:
 - DQO Task 1 – Trophic State Analysis

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DQO Task 2 – Chloride Release Analysis

DQO Task 3 – Aquatic Biomonitoring of selected tributaries

- Rick reported that they found about 45 inflow points to Lake Waukewan of which 7 are perennial; the remainder are seasonal or intermittent.
- The PSU study is monitoring 7 for all three tasks and an additional 8 for Task 2 – Chemical analysis.
- Rick pointed out that the remaining 30 inflows some of which are pipes from buildings are not being monitored, but should be investigated.
- Regarding an issue that we discussed at the last meeting about the use of Salt vs. Sand spreading on the roads, we asked Rick which of the two he felt was better from a watershed environment point of view. Without hesitation, Rick said Salt is by far the worst choice. Sand remains fairly local, Chemicals travel much further and substantially alter the watershed's biosystem.

2007 WWAC Budget

- It is our impression, that the remaining amount from the 2006 \$25,000 allocated to WWAC, will be available to the WWAC for 2007.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Next Meeting: January 11, 2007 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 1/11/07 WWAC meeting.