

WAUKEWAN WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes - **Approved**

Date of Meeting: March 26, 2009

Members Present: Bruce Bond, Bonnie Ireland, Michelle Therrien, John Hodsdon, Randy Eifert and Tim Whiting

Staff Present: Angela LaBrecque

Visitors Present: Bob Morency

Next meeting: April 15, 2009, 8:00am, Town Hall Annex

Agenda

- Approval of minutes from the March 12, 2009 meeting
- Discussion concerning status of Chairperson position
- Septic System threat to Meredith's drinking source – recommendation to town

I. Announcements

- Bruce Bond will stay on as chairperson. If he is not present, Bonnie Ireland, vice chair will set agenda and run meeting.
- WWAC will meet once a month – every third Wednesday at Town Hall Annex, starting on April 15, 2009

II. Discussion

- Meeting minutes for March 12, 2009 meeting approved.
- Everyone agreed that a meeting once a month on the third Wednesday would be conducive to members attending.
- Data Results of Septic Risk Analysis: 112 properties with septic systems are within 125 feet of Lake Waukewan shoreline
 - Very High Risk – 36 properties (no file info available)
 - High Risk – 13 properties
 - Moderate Risk – 44 properties
 - Low Risk – 19 properties

III. Septic System Inspections

- Angela LaBrecque is gathering information to present to the Town of Meredith for a Town Ordinance to be implemented requiring Septic System Inspections.
- New Hampshire "*Code of Administrative Rules*" was handed out - Env-Ws 386.49 - *Protection of the Purity of the Water of Lake Waukewan and Its Watershed*. There are many items under this section, but the following items are pursuant to Septic Systems and inspections:
 - The purpose of this is to protect the purity of the water of Lake Waukewan, which is the drinking water supply for the Town of Meredith.
 - Applies to the whole watershed in the towns of Meredith, Ashland, Center Harbor, Holderness and New Hampton.
 - (c) Any person violating the rules shall, in accordance with RSA 485:26, be guilty of a misdemeanor if a natural person or guilty of a felony if any other person (i.e., Trust, Corporation, etc.)
 - (d) In accordance with provisions of RSA 485:24, the health officers and boards of health of all the towns listed above and their duly authorized agents and boards of selectmen of the Town of Meredith and its duly authorized agents, **may act as agents** of the department **for the enforcement** in cooperation with the department.

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- (h) (2) A person shall not build or maintain any privy, toilet, sink drain or subsurface septic disposal system or discharges therefrom, within 125 feet of Lake Waukewan. Existing properly functioning septic systems within 125 feet of the shoreline may remain in place. If failure occurs, the repair or replacement system shall be in accordance with Env-Ws 1000.

- **Step One:** The Meredith Code Enforcement Officer along with a Certified Septic System Inspector will go to each property that is within 125 feet from the shoreline (73 properties within 125' – 31 are less than 75' and 42 are between 75' and 125') and inspect the septic system to determine if the system is "functioning properly" or needs to be replaced.
 - Michelle Therrian will identify each property by lot number, page number and access the owner's name and address. She will also get a GPS on system locations.
 - Bruce Bond will talk to David Ames on the cost involved for each inspection as well as the criteria for the inspections.
 - Letters will be sent to each property owner informing them of the inspection.

- **Step Two:** Health Ordinance issued by Town of Meredith.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.

Minutes submitted by Bonnie Ireland