

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2011

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Dallas Wrath
Randy Eifert
Tim Whiting
Stan Wallerstein
Nate Torr
Bill Corr

Staff Present:

Angela LaBrecque

Visitors Present:

Duncan McNeish

Agenda:

- Approve minutes from 4/6/11 WWAC meeting
- Comments from Stormwater Runoff group
- Further discussion regarding upcoming ZBA meeting
- Status of Town letter to NHDOT re: transport trucks in watershed
- Status of High Risk Septic System Health Regulation
- Discussion of other watershed town understanding of Meredith High Risk Septic Health Regulation
- Continued discussion on Waukegan launching ramp port-a-potty
- Other business

The minutes from the April 6 WWAC meeting were approved.

Stormwater Runoff

Tim indicated the NH Lakes Conservation Corp toured 32 volunteered Waukegan waterfront properties two weeks previously and selected 5 properties for proposed modification to mitigate the amount of stormwater runoff into the lake. NH Lakes are currently developing plans for each of the selected properties. The corp team consist will consist of 6 ILHS students plus a teacher to oversee the students activities. A landscape architect will be involved. The effort will take place over 6 weeks involving 20 hours per week.

Stan indicated that a letter describing the NH Lakes project would be going out shortly to many shore owners under WWAC letterhead.

ZBA contested variance decision

Duncan gave an update on two appeals, one by the Meredith Selectmen and one by an abutter, of the ZBA's decision to grant a variance which in effect extended a commercial zone into an adjacent residential zone in close proximity to Lake Waukewan. A hearing on the appeal of the variance will be held on May 12 at the Community Center. WWAC members were encouraged to attend and speak in support of reversing the variance.

NHDOT letter

The draft letter to NHDOT has been on the Town Manager's desk since the first week in April and hopefully it will be moved along shortly.

High Risk Septic System Health Regulation

A second Selectmen workshop on this subject will be held on June 6 followed by a public hearing on June 20. WWAC members are encouraged to attend these meetings in support of this regulation. The selectmen will have the opportunity to adopt this regulation at the June 20 session which would bring to fruition a long effort on this issue for the protection of the town's drinking water.

If this regulation is adopted by Meredith, the WWAC will work with the other towns within the watershed to adopt similar ordinances which will further protect Lake Waukewan water quality.

Waukewan launch ramp port-a-potty

During the April 6 WWAC meeting, Bruce was requested to determine the monthly cost of a port-a-potty. Bruce indicated that a call to Maple Ridge Septic provided a cost of \$105/month with weekly servicing. It was intended to pass this info along to the town to assist in their decision to place a unit at the launching ramp. However, Nate indicated that the selectmen had already approved the placement. Hopefully, the town will not be paying more than the \$105 market number.

New business

Duncan indicated that the Waukewan launching ramp Kiosk was in serious need of maintenance.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Minutes submitted by Bruce Bond.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 1 at 9 AM in the Meredith Town Hall Annex

These minutes were approved at the 6/1/11 WWAC Meeting.