

Waukewan Shore Owners Association

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Annual Meeting Minutes

Meredith Community Center Conference Room B

Date: July 14, 2012

Directors Present: Chuck Braxton, Duncan McNeish, Tony Sabutis
Doug Steele, Mary Walker, Bob Wenstrup

Directors Absent: Bruce Bond, Ray Moritz

Members Present: 32

Special Guests: Ralph Kirshner, Chair, New Hampton Conservation Commission
Audrey Goudie, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Electric
Cooperative Foundation

Speakers: Sarah Steiner, DES VLAP administrator
Andy Chapman, DES Clean Lakes Program
Patricia Tarpey, Executive Director of the Winnepesaukee
Watershed Association

Agenda

1. Call to order

Chuck Braxton called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

2 President's report and budget for coming year

Chuck Braxton presented his President's report, outlining the Association's principles of collaboration and respect. He noted that the membership is up by approximately 40% compared to the last annual meeting (119 in 2012 vice 85 in 2011). In reference to a recent article in the Laconia Daily Sun regarding the level of Lake Waukewan, he noted that the WSOA supports the DES decision. He thanked former Directors who left the Board since the last annual meeting for their service and introduced Mary Walker, who joined the Board to fill one of the vacancies.

3. Conservation efforts

Chuck Braxton noted that the WSOA is supporting the return to the NH Superior Court of an appeal to overturn the granting of a variance by the Meredith Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) that would allow land causing surface runoff of pollutants into Lake Waukewan.

Braxton described Ralph Kirshner, Bob Wenstrup and Stan Wallerstein's efforts in the purchase of the Baird property on Snake River, which have resulted in obtaining a signed purchase and sale agreement. He then introduced Audrey Goudie, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative Foundation, who presented a \$10,000 grant to the WSOA to support the recreation, conservation, and environmental education efforts of the Snake River Stewardship Project. Ms. Goudie described the NHEC's roundup program that allows NHEC subscribers to voluntarily round up each month's electric bill to the next dollar amount and noted that approximately 40,000 subscribers have chosen to participate.

Bob Wenstrup described the efforts that started in September 2010 and resulted in obtaining a \$100,000 Aquatic Resources Mitigation (ARM) grant from the NH DES. He noted Ralph Kirshner's huge nineteen day effort to prepare the required documentation that was submitted on 8/11/11.

Braxton presented an overview of the current efforts to protect the Snake River, which includes the purchase by the New Hampton Conservation Commission of the Spear and Baird on the right bank and the designation by Center Harbor of 250 ft of shorefront on the left bank as prime shorefront and the possible next step of purchasing a portion of the Bergeron property.

4. Election of new Directors

Duncan McNeish nominated Penny Burke to be a new Director for a three year term. Bob Wenstrup seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Wenstrup nominated David Draghi to be a new Director for a three year term. McNeish seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

McNeish nominated Mary Walker to be a Director for a three year term. Bob Wenstrup seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. Minutes of prior annual meeting

Duncan McNeish moved to accept the minutes of the 2011 annual meeting. Bob Wenstrup seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6. Treasurer's report

Duncan McNeish presented the Treasurer's report for the period 7/1/11 to 6/30/12. Biron Bedard moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Bob Wenstrup seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7. Member comments

Janis Roberts asked why the Treasurer's report did not cover the period ending 12/31/11. McNeish noted that as of this fiscal year, the WSOA is using a calendar fiscal year. Previously the fiscal year was July 1st to June 30th. The next Treasurer's report will cover the period 1/1/12 to 12/31/12. A separate report will cover the period 7/1/11 to 12/31/11 to provide continuity of the reporting.

Janis Roberts asked about the issue of the name of the association and the registering of that name by a group of former members of this association. Chuck Braxton described the history of the change of the association's name from the WSOA to the Waukevan Watershed Association. He described two ways to obtain a trademarked name: 1.) By registering the name with the NH Department of State and 2.) through historical use of that name.

Art von der Linden asked for a clarification of the dues amount for the FY ending 6/30/12 and the number of members. The dues are \$50. During the transition from a July to June fiscal year to a calendar fiscal year, the dues will cover the period from July 2012 through December 2013.

8. Adjourn the business meeting

The motion to adjourn the business meeting was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 AM and was followed by a technical session with informative presentations by Sarah Steiner, Andy Chapman, and Patricia Tarpey.

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas Steele, Secretary