



# Windy Waters Conservancy Newsletter

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## Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars now for the Annual Meeting which will be held at 6 PM on Monday, July 11th at the Meredith Community Center. Doors will open at 5:30. Following the business meeting, Chuck Braxton will review past, present and future environmental and educational projects and actions in the Waukewan Watershed.

## Jenness Cove No-Wake Petition Hearing

A more than sufficient number of petition signatures were obtained to apply for a hearing by the Department of Safety requesting the area of Lake Waukewan known as Jenness Cove be designated a No-Wake zone. The filing was delayed until late April to accommodate the rule that a hearing must be held within 60 days of receipt of the application. It was felt that abutters or interested parties who were snow-birds would likely be in the area and better able to attend the hearing in June rather than mid-winter. The hearing has been scheduled for Friday June 17th at 1:00 PM in Room

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## Snake River Protection

The Windy Waters Conservancy continues to lead the initiative to nominate the Snake River for protection under the Rivers Management and Protection Program (RSA 483). This Act applies to all state waters known as Great Ponds (10 or more acres in surface area) and "Designated Rivers." The nominating process will take over a year to complete and includes legislative approval. The next filing deadline for the application is Spring 2017.

You may obtain a copy of the petition from any board member or download it at <http://www.waukewan.org/snake-river-shoreland-act-protection.html>. Please sign it and mail to the WWC or return it to any board member. If you would like to participate in this project, please contact the Conservancy.

## Swasey Park Planning Session

The Greater Meredith Program has organized a design charrette to envision the future for 7-acre Swasey Park at the outlet of Lake Waukewan. Swasey Park is at the end of High Street leading west from the post office.

Chris Williams, AIA, of Christopher F. Williams Architects, PLLC of Meredith will facilitate the program. The charrette will begin at noon on Friday, July 15th with

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## Mosquito Bridge Options Presented

As part of its 10-year plan, the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) has proposed replacement of Mosquito Bridge, located at the inlet to Lake Waukewan. As a follow-up to the October 2015 presentation in New Hampton, NHDOT convened a public meeting at the Center Harbor Fire Station on June 8, 2016 to review findings and present design options. About 55 people braved fall-like cool temperatures to attend.

Based on input from the prior session, changes to the traffic pattern such as straightening the road were not considered. Further inspections by NHDOT after the previous public meeting revealed that the abutments have openings that are allowing water to erode the fill beneath the pavement so that some work is needed there as well as replacing the bridge deck.

Historic and cultural features of the bridge were compiled in applications for the national and state historic registries. The site was not accepted for either registry. Details about the applications are on the NHDOT website.

NHDOT indicated that the annual average daily traffic volume on Waukewan Road is 460 vehicles per day. Taking advantage of the standards for a road with low traffic

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Swasey Park

## Our Mission

Our mission puts particular emphasis on protecting the water bodies and the boreal and wetland habitats in the Lake Waukewan Watershed and preserving the natural resources, ecology and scenic beauty of Lake Waukewan, Lake Winona, Bear Pond, Hawkins Pond, Otter Pond and Tuttle Pond and combating, or preventing air, water, noise and light pollution on or around the water bodies and associated wetlands in the watershed. Contributions are tax deductible.

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# Mosquito Bridge

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volume (less than 400 vehicles per day), four options were presented: 1) a one-lane bridge, 2) a one-lane bridge with sidewalk on the lake side, 3) a two-lane bridge with 10-foot lanes and one foot shoulders, 4) a two-lane bridge with 11-foot lanes and one foot shoulders.

Options 1) and 2) would require the towns to take ownership of the bridge and Waukewan Road from Winona Road to US Route 3. Officials present from both towns deemed it highly unlikely that the matching warrant articles needed to accept the road and bridge would be approved by their voters.

Participants discussed technical requirements, merits and drawbacks of Options 3) and 4) as the bridge deck would overhang the abutments to some extent in both cases. NHDOT estimates that either option would cost \$600,000 and that the bridge would be closed during the project.

Next steps for NHDOT will be to seek input from town officials and then select a preferred option for further design work. The project will then be reviewed with the Natural Resource agencies and the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. A preliminary design will be prepared and then the results of these reviews will be presented at another public session. NHDOT proposed that this session be held in the Summer of 2017, however, public officials expressed a desire to "know what we are looking at" sooner, and so the next meeting will occur in the Fall of 2016.

# Jenness Cove

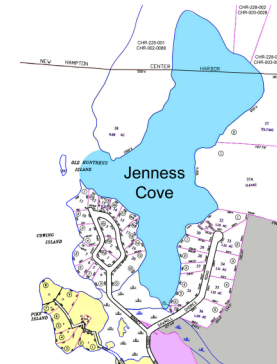
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B of the Meredith Community Center. The state offered 3 dates ( June 14th, 15th and 17th ) for the hearing and again it was felt that the Friday date would be the easiest for the majority to attend. In accordance to the rules, an ad was placed in a local newspaper, the Union Leader, noting the date, time and location of the hearing. A notice was also placed on the state's website.

Once the hearing is held, a decision will be issued shortly thereafter, and pending approval, installation of the

buoys by Marine Patrol will take place shortly after that.

All are invited to attend for any comments.



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a meeting of the 15-person charrette team who will review the site and available environmental and historic data.

On the afternoon and evening of Friday, July 15th there will be two public input sessions at the Meredith Community Center. Each session will begin with a short presentation of the environmental and historical data and then be open to comments from the public. The first session will be held from 4:00 to 5:30 PM; the second, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

On Saturday, the charrette team will reconvene to develop options based on the data and public input. Then, from 2:30 to 4:00 PM on Saturday, July 16th at the Meredith Community Center, the charrette team will present the options to the public and there will be a discussion to reach a final plan.

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## Membership and Donations

Ever since our founding 26 years ago as the Waukewan Shore Owner's Association, we have worked to protect and preserve the quality of our beautiful lakes. It's your dues and contributions that have allowed us such great success with the Spear, Baird, and Bergeron properties, support for the Lake Host Program, the VLAP efforts, etc. Please renew your membership now so this success can continue. Our membership year is from January through December.

You may send your dues or donation check made out to "Windy Waters Conservancy" to: Windy Waters Conservancy, PO Box 91, Meredith, NH 03253. You may also pay your dues or make a donation on-line with your credit card via PayPal. You do not need to have a PayPal account to use PayPal. Go to [waukewan.org](http://waukewan.org) and click on Membership or Donations.

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