



- Concerns have been expressed with Leavitt Park Beach and the bathrooms at the beach being left open and unattended. The Town Manager supports the decision that was made before his tenure to keep the beach open. The police department has the beach on extra patrol for vandalism and secures the bathroom in the evening. In addition, they are patrolling the parking lot for people congregating.
- The Sandwich Board of Selectmen have expressed an interest in participating in the round table meeting regarding the School District. The Town Manager will begin coordinating the meeting tomorrow. He will attempt to have representation from Center Harbor, Sandwich, the School District, and Meredith.

#### **VISITORS AND RESIDENTS COMMENTS:**

- Fran Wendelboe, candidate for State Senate District 2, formally introduced herself and made herself available to answer questions and take comments from the Board. Ms. Wendelboe served in the House for a number of years representing surrounding communities, but has not represented the Town of Meredith. She told the Board that a public hearing on lake levels is scheduled for Thursday, July 1, from 6-8 p.m. at Church Landing. The meeting will be attended by representatives of the DES including Commissioner Burack. Residents will have an opportunity to express their thoughts regarding lake levels at the hearing. July 31 is reserved as the date for a potential follow up meeting. The Board thanked Ms. Wendelboe for her efforts in coordinating the meeting to allow for the participation of summer residents. Ms. Wendelboe served on the finance committee for the last 10 years in her capacity as state representative. She was very involved in budget negotiations, and made an attempt to stop some of the cost shifting from the state to cities and towns. Acting Chair Worsman pointed out that the Town of Meredith balanced its budget against reduced revenues, and that it was hoped that the state would do the same. Dialogue ensued regarding the difficulties that will be faced in the state's budget in upcoming years.
- Bruce Bond, on behalf of the Waukevan Watershed Advisory Committee (WWAC), asked the Board to reconsider repositioning the portable toilet at the Lake Waukevan boat launch. The facility was in place during the 2006 - 2008 boating seasons, but was eliminated in 2009 in response to cost cutting efforts. The committee feels very strongly that the facility needs to be repositioned for use by boaters, fisherman, area walkers and the Rowing Club. The portable facility was included as an action item in the Watershed Plan of 2005. The bathroom facilities at the beach are located approximately 1/4 mile from the ramp, and people are using more convenient areas to relieve themselves. Dialogue ensued regarding the costs involved with the portable toilet facility and the potential for vandalism that would be detrimental to the Lake.

Selectman Brothers pointed out that a significant sum of money was invested in the bathroom facility at the beach, and does not think repositioning the portable

facility is the prudent thing to do in view of the constraints on the budget. He suggested strongly encouraging people to use the bathroom facility at the beach.

Dialogue ensued regarding alternative means of funding the facility. Mr. Bond suggested soliciting a donation of \$1 per boat for use of the ramp on an honor system, or soliciting funds from those living along the lake with an interest in protecting its health.

Selectmen Torr resides near the boat ramp, and has seen the effects of not having a portable facility in place. He thinks that having a portable facility in place for at least the next two months would be a big help.

Selectman Lovett believes that the absence of the portable facility creates a danger to the Lake.

Acting Chair Worsman agrees that the Town went to considerable expense to build a bathhouse at the request of the WWAC. The premise under which the building of the facility was undertaken was to replace the portable facility located in that location. She does not support the Town taking on the financial commitment of a portable facility at the boat ramp.

Dialogue ensued regarding the placement of the facility, including steps that can be taken to reduce the possibility of vandalism, and the particulars for procuring an arrangement with a vendor. The Town Manager does not believe it is beneficial for the Town to assume liability at any point.

Resident Jim Hughes has never witnessed or heard of vandalism to the portable facility during the time he served in the Lake Host Program. He does not believe that most people are willing to make the 1/4 mile trip to the bathhouse.

Resident Tim Whiting coordinates the Lake Host Program for Lake Waukegan. He estimates that close to 5,000 people used the boat launch last year and believes a substantial amount of sewage would be collected in a portable facility. He thinks the Town should be financially responsible for the facility, and suggested implementing toilet facilities at the water department as a long-term solution.

Selectman Lovett suggested solving the problem for this year by using \$500 of encumbered funds in the WWAC budget, and the Town entering into the contract with the vendor.

Mr. Bonds clarified that there were two portable facilities at one time, and that the permanent bathroom facility was meant to replace the portable facility at the beach.

There was a general consensus among the Board that expending funds from the WWAC budget for this year only is a reasonable solution. No funds will be

expended from the general budget. The Town will enter into the agreement with a vendor for a single portable facility, and the facility will be covered by the Town's general liability. The matter of funding the facility for next year will be breached at the upcoming Waukewan Shore Owners' Association meeting.

**SELECTMEN COMMENTS: (Reports on Committees 2nd meeting each month)**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**10-29 Reclassification of Assistant Recreation Director Position**

The Town Manager and Director of Parks & Recreation Vint Choinoire made a recommendation to reclassify the position of Assistant Recreation Director, a Grade 14 position, to Program Director, a Grade 10 position. Reclassifying the position will meet the fiscal needs of the Department, and fits in with the current staffing. The position can be reclassified in the future, if the need arises. The reclassification requires a vote of the Board.

*Selectman Brothers motioned that the Assistant Director position be eliminated and the Board reinstate the position of Program Director. The elimination is a Grade 14 position from Parks & Recreation, and the new position is a Grade 10 position in Parks & Recreation. Seconded by Selectman Lovett.*

Selectman Brothers observed that the responsibilities of the Director of Parks & Recreation have changed over the past 4-5 years, and that it makes perfect sense with the vacancy created by the recent departure of Rick Desharnais to reclassify the position.

*4-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**10-30 Endorsement of Conservation Easement and Joint Purchase of Land for Conservation Easement.**

The Town Manager reviewed the endorsement of the conservation easement and joint purchase of land for conservation purposes of the Spear parcel. All parties were present, and the matter was thoroughly discussed, at a previous workshop. The parcel has been identified by the Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee and the Conservation Commission as vital to the protection of the shoreline of Lake Waukewan. The Town of New Hampton will purchase the land, and the Town of Meredith, through its Conservation Commission, will hold a conservation easement on the land. A favorable public hearing was held in the Town of New Hampton on June 14. The Town of New Hampton has contracted for a Level 1 Environmental assessment on the property. The legal documents are being finalized at this time. A public hearing is scheduled for June

22 at 7:30 pm. at the community center. The closing is scheduled for June 30. The Conservation Commission is seeking the consent and support of the Board in this endeavor.

*Selectman Lovett moved that the Board endorse the plan developed by the Town of New Hampton and the Town of Meredith through its Conservation Commission, to join in the taking of the conservation easement on the Spears property. Seconded by Selectman Torr.*

Acting Chair Worsman reiterated that the protection of the water supply is very important to the Board and sees this as a substantial step in protecting the water that flows from Lake Winona to Lake Waukevan. She thanked all those who helped in conserving the parcel.

Resident Jim Hughes expressed concerns with the wording of the motion. The Town Manager clarified that the Meredith Conservation Commission will retain the conservation easement, and the Town of New Hampton will be the owner.

*4-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Acting Chair Worsman announced that the Board will move into a non-public meeting following a short recess under RSA 91-A:3 II(a) to perform the Town Manager's evaluation.

*Selectman Brothers motioned to move into a non-public meeting pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(a) to perform the Town Manager's evaluation at 6:35 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Torr. Selectmen Polled. 4-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Phillip L. Warren, Town Manager

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Colette Worsman, Acting Chair

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Peter F. Brothers

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Miller C. Lovett

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Nathan J. Torr