

**Meredith Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes – Jan 19, 2012**  
**Meredith Community Center – 7:00 PM**

**Members Attending:** Bob Davis, Sandi Mucci, Peter Miller, Mary Knoble Kahn, Mark Billings, John Sherman, Don MacFarlane, Tony Sabutis, Paula Wanzer, Jacquie Colburn

**Guest:** Randy Eifert – Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee

- Minutes from Jan 5, 2012
  - Motion: Bob D
  - Second: Don
  - Approved as written
  
- Dredge & Fill
  - Hampshire Hospitality – see attachment
  
- Treasurers Report
  - No report – Ralph not present
  - Peter Miller submitted a bill for the Page Pond Kiosk Display – **\$63.06**
  - Motion: Don
  - Second: John
    - Payment of bill approved
  
- Workshop – Randy Eifert discussed the issues relative to the Lake Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee
  - **Watershed Plan** – 68 recommendations and sub recommendations
  - **First year** – started to implement recommendations
  - Accomplishments
    - **2 Acre minimum** – passed requirement that those in the watershed overlay area must have 2 acres to build one unit
    - **Setback** - 250 ft setback from water – banned pesticides
    - **Regional emphasis** - Convinced 5 other towns to accept the Waukegan Overlay District - Holderness, Ashland, New Hampton, Center Harbor, Meredith
    - **Testing** - started testing for VOC's in June, July, August when there are motor boats on the lake.
    - **Education** –
      - Don't P in the Lake campaign
      - Brochures, information distributed to public
      - Let people know that there is a pesticide free zone

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- **Current members** – there are representatives from Center Harbor, Meredith
- **Current Project** - Septic System Requirement
  - 30 systems predate 1960 – no record on size, type, etc
  - Most of these septic systems or holding tanks are near the water
  - 5 are pocket plans – that is, you are allowed to add a room but don't have to check septic system

**Discussion:**

- Septic Failure is state defined as discharge to ground surface, directly into water
- Malfunctioning septic system discharges P into lake
- There have been 7 cyanobacteria blooms this year
- P levels are increasing in the lake
- The water quality is already impaired
- A well is not a replacement for lake as water supply
- Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee will hold a meeting in July to explain the importance of a working septic system and the dangers of one that is malfunctioning
- *At the March 7, 8am, Town Hall Annex, at a meeting of the Watershed Advisory Committee Sara Steiner, State of NH, will speak to the issue of septic systems.*

- Other Business
- MCC Member Comments
- Public Comments
- Next Meeting
- Meeting Adjourned  
8:30pm

**Next Meeting: 2-2-12 - Meredith Community Center  
Room C - 7pm**

Respectively submitted by:  
Paula Wanzer - Secretary