

TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 19, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

The Watershed Committee of the Town of Waynesville held a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, in the Waynesville Town Hall. Members present included Bill Skelton, Gordon Small and Karen Kaufman. Also present were Dr. Peter Bates, representative of Western Carolina University which is under contract with the Town to perform the Forestry Management Plan, Rob Lamb, who is working with Dr. Bates, and Lee Galloway, Town Manager.

Dr. Peter Bates opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance. He provided a copy of the Land Management Plan for the Quabbin Reservoir in the middle of Massachusetts. This expansive area provides the water for the City of Boston and its environs, and covers the period of 2007 to 2017. Dr. Bates related that Plan to the Forestry Management Plan for the Waynesville Watershed and explained that it was his feeling that in our case, a five year period would be more suitable. He presented the PowerPoint Slide Program of the watershed area and discussed the plan to include such a presentation in presenting the Plan to the public.

There were discussions about the water sources in the 8,400 acre watershed and what type buffers were required for the various streams. Dr. Bates noted that within 25 feet of the stream bank, there was a provision for “No Cutting”. In the area of 25 to 50 feet from the stream bank, cutting was allowed, but there was to be no rolling stock or heavy equipment. In the area 50 feet and beyond from the stream bank, cutting was allowed.

In discussing the plan further and in answering some questions, Mr. Lamb noted that in the early stages, there was a feeling of proposing a 10-year Plan, but in view of the political implications, a 5-year term seemed more desirable.

Gordon Small emphasized the need for public information, of making the Plan and any information about the Plan available to the public in a variety of formats. He also suggested that presentations be made to civic clubs and organizations so that they will be informed about the plan and educated as to the intent. He noted that the more information provided to the public, the better off the Town will be.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

A. Lee Galloway, Town Manager