

## Minutes from May 11, 2011 WRAC Meeting

Attending: Ron Beck, Jeff Clymer, Barry Rosen, Helen Probst, and Janet Adachi

Ron Beck opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the March 23, 2011 meeting were reviewed and with one modification were approved. The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the starter bylaw that Ron had circulated prior to the meeting. Each section of the bylaw was reviewed and additions and modifications were made as we went through the bylaw.

The first section that we reviewed was the Purpose of the bylaw. The first item cited was to minimize increases in storm-water run-off while the Committee decided that we wanted to take this a step further and “achieve 0% increase when possible”. We agreed that this was a better objective and by adding when possible it would not be so restrictive that it would be unacceptable to Town Meeting. Additionally, we added quality of water to our considerations and indicated that an objective was to preserve quality.

With regard to jurisdiction, the bylaw is to be administered by an inter-departmental committee. The committee would exist of the heads of the Health, Planning and Engineering departments. Language defining the chair of the committee was removed.

Limitations in groundwater zones were discussed and the exemptions to the bylaw were reviewed.

Some of the exemptions that were tentatively added at this stage were:

- Additions or modifications to existing single family structures in which percent impervious cover are not increased by more than 15%.
- Repairs to any storm-water treatment practice deemed necessary by Storm-water Committee.
- Any work or projects for which all necessary approvals and permits were issued before the effective date of this By-Law.
- Normal maintenance of existing landscaping, gardens or lawn areas
- Construction of any fence that will not alter existing terrain or drainage patterns.
- Construction of utilities (gas, water, sanitary sewer, electric, telephone, cable television, etc.) other than drainage which will not alter terrain, ground cover, or drainage patterns, so long as BMPs are used to prevent erosion, sedimentation and release of pollutants.
- Emergency repairs to any existing utilities (gas, water, sanitary sewer, electric, telephone, cable television, etc.) and emergency repairs to any storm-water management facility that poses a threat to public health or safety, designated by the SWPA. Where such activity is subject to the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission, the work shall not proceed without the issuance of an Emergency Certification by the Commission.
- The maintenance or resurfacing (not including reconstruction) of any public or private way.

The other key issue that was discussed was the minor versus major permit that was utilized by Weston in their bylaw. The meeting ended with a homework assignment around the use of minor and major permits to be discussed at the May 18, 2011 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39.