

Minutes from June 15, 2011 WRAC Meeting

Attending: Ron Beck, Jeff Clymer, Barry Rosen, Helen Probst, and Janet Adachi
Ron Beck opened the meeting at 6:55 PM.

The meeting minutes from May 11, 2011 and June 8, 2011 were reviewed and with clarifications to the no permit, minor permit and regular permit table (to include “and” and “or” were appropriate when there were multiple conditions) were approved.

The discussion began with a review of objectives in preparation for a meeting for Committee heads with Mike Gowing. The key areas discussed were finishing the bylaw, filling committee vacancies and following the completion of the bylaw, returning to a primary function of educating the public on our water resources. The discussion of filling committee vacancies included the possibility of Kim Montello of the Planning Board coming to a meeting to see if she would want to join the Committee. Kim is a civil engineer and had expressed a possible interest. There was also a desire to include a business person (Barry was exploring a possible candidate).

Beyond the need to educate the public regarding Acton’s water supply, the Committee also will need to determine what to do next.

Review of the bylaw was focused on section 5 (General Performance Standards) with the following comments from discussion:

- Apartments will be issues
- The manual which is not part of the bylaw will provide the management techniques
- Credits are a key area as these will allow situations requiring permits and taking steps to receive credits to then meet requirements
- Use of approved lists for actions that will generate credits
- Section 5 of the proposed bylaw draft includes performance standards in subsections A, B, C and D
- Under these subsections, we need to set maximum percentages then allow BMPs to credit percentages that exceed these maximum levels
- Will be important to focus on treatment, peak flow, retention, BMPs, and potentially monetary amounts that could be used to address stormwater treatment
- Redevelopment incentives

Next steps for the following meeting were discussed with the following outcomes and areas of focus:

1. Ron to address the performance standards
2. Maximums and credits will need to be established for these standards
3. Review of section 6 (Basic Stormwater Management Design Criteria) and handbook
4. Maintenance issues

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.