

Minutes from August 17, 2011 WRAC Meeting

Attending this meeting were the following: Ron Beck, Barry Rosen, Helen Probst, and Janet Adachi. Jeff Clymer was not in attendance so Ron Beck tracked the meeting minutes within the working draft of the bylaw.

Ron Beck opened the meeting at 6:45 PM.

The meeting minutes from the July 20, 2011 meeting that were provided electronically by Jeff Clymer prior to the meeting were unanimously approved.

The meeting was spent reviewing and updating the bylaw. Some of the key additions, modifications or deletions from the bylaw included the following:

- A statement was added indicating that the Town of Acton is required to take appropriate regulatory and management action on the above under their NPDES II Permit, issued by the US EPA.
- The following comment was removed from the prior draft - The above list is a general set of objectives to reduce the impact of storm-water on receiving waters. The local storm-water authority may wish to set some more specific objectives, based on priority water quality and habitat problems (e.g., to reduce phosphorus loads being delivered to recreational lakes, to sustain a class X trout fishery).
- With regard to the issue of authority it was added that this Bylaw shall be administered by the Acton Storm-water Committee (“the administrative authority”.) This committee shall consist of five citizens appointed by the Board of Selectmen.
- Moved from 500 feet to 200 feet from surface water as a standard for land disturbance that would require a major permit
- Defined a need to address lots that cross groundwater protection zones
- Need to define footprint as that will key some of the exemptions from permitting
- The area of definitions also highlighted an additional effort which was to coordinate the definitions with other zoning bylaws; also there is an issue of priority of bylaws and it needs to be clear that permits must be a prerequisite to any development activities
- Language was added to designate the need for a minor and major permit and placeholders were developed for the timeframe for a major permit, the process and duration.

- These meeting items were added to the working draft of the bylaw.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54.