

Minutes from December 7, 2011 WRAC Meeting

Attending this meeting were the following: Ron Beck, Barry Rosen, Jeff Clymer, Helen Probst, Matt Mostoller and Janet Adachi. Ron Beck opened the meeting at 6:50 PM.

The minutes for the meeting of November 16 were approved unanimously.

We discussed whether the WRAC would be on the 12/19 BOS agenda and were told that the agenda was not set.

The first main area of discussion was which Board would have responsibility for the requirements laid out in Chapter W. We discussed three options of the ownership of these requirements: Board of Health, Planning Board or WRAC becoming a Board and being given this responsibility. The key requirement is that it needs to be a citizen board that is advised by staff. We discussed that this would be a key area in which we would input from the BOS. We also identified the main areas we would want to cover with the BOS in our meeting:

- Overview of the requirements ;
- Our main focus on impervious surface;
- Differences with other towns (what they are and why); and
- Authority (which Board)

The discussion then moved to Chapter W changes and some further refinements necessary:

- Move from “landowner” to “property owner”
- Land and structure definitions
- Use of lowest zone on property for applying the storm-water requirements (i.e., if some of the lot is in Zone 2 and some in Zone 3, the Zone 2 requirements apply)
- Still need to define the watershed plans
- Exempted activities were discussed and there was a decision to broaden the exemption for utilities
- In the review of exemptions, we discussed the use of existing treatment facilities which was one of the standard exceptions and agreed that the significance of this exemption was that the facility needed to already be in place.

We concluded with a discussion of the likely conflicts and coordination that would be needed with other requirements:

- Need to look at zoning ordinances
- The Chapter W considerations that relate to subdivision plans will have to follow statutory Planning Board rules
- Process of a hearing and resubmitting requests if denied

Follow up items were to consider the Planning Board timings for filings, review, periods of time allotted for other steps and to determine timing to go to the BOS. Identified public information sessions for agenda of next meeting (December 14, 2011)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56.