

Water Resources Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
February 24, 2010

Members present: Helen Probst, Barry Rosen, Ron Beck (Chair), Carol Holley (clerk), Lauren Rosenzweig (Selectmen liaison)

Staff present: Justin Snair

The meeting opened at 6:50 p.m. Mr. Beck noted that, while he was refilming his November presentation, the cable TV guy had told him that a series of programs on water would be a good idea; Mr. Beck had replied that the committee could probably do that. Mr. Snair thought that filming an outflow-sampling event for airing on local television would be a good idea. Mr. Beck noted that local TV is now a corporation with a Board of Directors that approves programming; the studio is still in the high school. Committee members agreed that doing regular water education programming was a good idea.

Ms Probst moved to approve the minutes of the February 3 meeting, Mr. Rosen seconded, and all voted in favor.

Mr. Beck and Ms Holley gave a recap of their conversation with the Conservation Commission about the proposed bylaw. The conservation Commission had no concrete suggestions. The Conservation Commission was made aware that the new bylaw only covers discharges to the MS4, not streams or wetlands, which remains their purview. Water quality and total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) are a focus of the Clean Water Act (CWA).

Mr. Beck described materials that he observed running off from a large horse farm; it was a discharge of manure and silt into the stormwater – what needs to be done about this situation? Mr. Snair noted that the Health Dept. enforces regulations regarding domestic animals.

Mr. Bartl's extensive and insightful comments on the draft bylaw were reviewed and discussed, one by one. Changes were made to the draft where the committee felt they were appropriate; it was noted that the draft would also undergo a final review by Town Counsel .

Ms Holley volunteered to go before the Economic Development Committee (EDC) to discuss the bylaw. Mr. Rosen volunteered to present to Planning and Fincom.

Ms Probst moved to adjourn, Mr. Rosen seconded, and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Holley  
Clerk