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Brookline Well and Water Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: Zoom Meeting

Date: 07/08/2020

Time: 7:00 PM

Attendees: Lindsay Machado, Rob Danckert, Buddy Dougherty, Chris Duncan
(Planning Board Rep)

Absentees: Jay Chrystal

Buddy made a motion to approve June 17, 2020 meeting minutes as amended.
Motion seconded by Lindsay. Vote Yes: 3-0.

Rob summarized recent discussions he had with Roger Skillings regarding the proposed ordinances. Roger was generally supportive of the potential ordinances overall. Rob and Roger discussed irrigation / yield testing, and general processes of testing the yield on the well when it is drilled.

Lindsay had expressed that since the last meeting, there were no update emails received to the Well Water Committee email address.

Chris summarized the Planning Board's discussion / and his update from the prior week on WWC progress and proposed ordinances; the message to WWC was narrow down the list of proposed ordinances to one or two with solid recommendations and proposed language. Also WWC is to include any other ordinance options for future considerations in the final report-even those proposed prior to Chris Duncan sitting on the board. Draft report is due in September, final report in October. Final ordinance recommendations must include example towns having ordinances similar to what WWC is proposing. These example towns should have similar characteristics to Brookline (ie, no municipal water, geology, geography). There also needs to be flexibility or contingencies for the homeowner or developer in the event ordinances cannot be met. The shorter and simpler the ordinance, the easier it is to pass. It was clarified that as much information from previous meetings would be helpful in the effort to support these ordinances, but also so that they may be looked at in the future by the WWC. The ordinances would then be reviewed by the towns legal representative for legality.

The Committee agreed that in order to accomplish this, we would need to each take command of a task, reach out to the appropriate sources, and report back to Committee members as soon as information was obtained.

It was discussed that the well pump depth should be set to an interval that is adequate to the total depth of the well but also take into account periods of moderate drought. It was posed to ask Roger this question. The Committee decided it would be best to also reach out to the New Hampshire Water Well Association rather than solely rely on one expert opinion. Lindsay offered to gather a list of questions to send to the NHWWA. The questions that will be sent to the NHWWA are as follows:

- What are they, as well drillers and businesses, seeing as far as water issues; are they occurring in certain towns? Areas? Etc.
- In those specific areas, have any ordinances been enacted or adopted? Have they seemed to help?
- With regard to subdivisions, are community wells a more cost-effective option as well as a more reliable option than individual wells?
- Does the depth that a well is drilled impact the placement of a pump? Is there a recommended level where the well pump should be placed to ensure adequate water supply?

The meeting wrapped up with a delegation of tasks amongst the members. The next meeting for the Brookline WWC is set for August 5th, 7pm. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9pm.