

9/9/20 WWC Meeting

Chris, Lindsay, Rob

Call to order

Minutes from July 2020 approved 3 to 0;

Discussed dates and final report submission: Planning board meeting is September 17th and a draft report is due at that time (preferably the day before where it would go to Valerie). There will be two pieces to it; proposed ordinances and the backup language, and the second component are the other items that could be addressed in the future (ie, well issue survey, potentially have a reporting feature in the website to track well issues, various means of collecting data).

Draft goes to planning board and then they have at least two public hearings. We would then formalize and finalize the language, and then it gets put on the ballot in February. Final report would have to be ready by the October PB meeting.

Lindsay mentioned a residence on West Hill Rd that had a sediment build-up in a newly drilled private supply well which couldn't be repaired. A second well was then drilled that went subsequently went dry.

Proposed ordinances language that was submitted to NRPC:

A hydrogeological study is to be required for a proposed development of more than one residence to conclude the likelihood and long-term viability of a future potable water supply for future residences. A community well serving two or more residential homes may be considered.

A long-term sustainable yield from a single private well should be ensured by establishing yield standards to meet or exceed those established by the NH Water Well Board or New Hampshire Water Well Association. A building or occupancy permit could not be granted until standards were met, or contingencies were made. Further, well pump sizing, interval setting, and piping are appropriate for the well drilled and future potential drought scenarios.

WWC agreed that these proposed ordinances are not to be part of an overlay district, will only apply to new subdivisions and would be town wide. Once an ordinance is proposed there will not be a flurry of activity of development without at least considering the WWC ordinances.

Draft report is to contain supporting information for each ordinance (including discussions with outside sources).

Conservation commission is responsible for tracking of data on townwide resources.

At the end of the report, a suggestion should be made to recommend a second committee for 2021 with an identification of issues to be addressed with next committee.

Regarding report preparation, Rob to handle ordinance 1, Lindsay to handle item 2 and the additional "items to be addressed" section for review by future WWCs.

At the last select board meeting, the select board had brought forth consideration of a reduction in town wide watering due to the moderate drought affecting New Hampshire. A reduction in water usage was ultimately made to limit watering of the town ballfield once a day. If residents feel more should be done, it should be brought to the next select board meeting.

Consideration of watering restrictions should also be made in the final report.

There was discussion of applying for a grant to aid in performing a town-wide hydrogeological study at some point.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM