

Drinking Water Source Protection Committee
Approved Minutes of Meeting 07/06/09

Members present: Dave Shinnlinger, Chairman; Bob Reagan, Selectman; Edward Berger; John Bergeron, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by chairman Shinnlinger at the town offices.

Minutes of 6/8/09 were read and approved.

Data from spring sampling was reviewed. There were some high numbers on the tributaries, but nothing to cause alarm. Additional monitoring of the tributaries will be needed before any trend can be meaningful.

Dave provided some additional brochures for old home day distribution.

Signs were discussed, including new reservoir signs and signs at Crescent Campsites. Bob will contact Alan Hill to see if any of the old style reservoir signs are available.

Cyanobacteria threat was discussed.

Bob made contact with Fish and Game relative to winter markers for the reservoir. They suggest working with the snowmobile clubs to educate members not to trespass on the reservoir ice. Notice in the publication "Snow Traveler" should reach many riders. Marine patrol has a buoy that is put in year round, and that may be an option. Manchester has put buoys around their pump house due to snowmobile abuse, and Portsmouth has closed their reservoir due to snowmobile abuse.

Dave reported that slow release, low phosphorous fertilizer is available at the hardware store.

Canaan Lake Association is holding its annual meeting on July 18th and a public forum at Cardigan Mountain School on the evening of August 6th.

There has been no additional activity on the septic survey.

The watershed mailing was completed in June and discussion of a town wide mailing was discussed. Opening the letter with a discussion of Cyanobacteria may catch the interest of the public. Additional content should include winter and summer recreation impacts. Explaining the current water distribution system with the pros and cons of wells should be included. Additional information related to lightning and pump costs are appropriate.

The snowmobile club and Crescent Campsites will be invited to the next meeting.

Old home day was discussed but no booth staffing schedule was established.

Project staffing continues to be a problem. Nancy Toth has returned to Oregon. PSU CFE is presently not staffed, but they plan to advertise for staff soon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectively submitted,

John Bergeron