

Drinking Water Source Protection Committee Approved Minutes of Meeting 5/03/10

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Bob Reagan at the town offices.

Minutes of November 2, 2009 were read and approved.

Envelopes were stuffed and labels applied for a mailing this week to shorefront owners. These will alert them to the dangers of geese and fertilizers.

The Conservation Commission is considering a representative to send to this committee. Bill Chabot will report their decision this week. We may need to select a different meeting time, since the conservation commission meets the same night that we do.

Canaan Lake Association is working with the old Home Day Committee to serve free hot dogs and hamburgers at the beach on Sunday August 8th. This will be accompanied by educational displays, posters, brochures, and booths. It is suggested that the water committee move their booth from the common to the beach on Saturday evening.

Bob Reagan has discussed year round buoys with fish and game. These may prove to be less expensive than our current approach, which is to use town labor to install and remove annually.

Two signs were added to the town beach, one for pet waste and one for waterfowl feeding. A waterfowl feeding sign was provided to Crescent Campsites for their beach.

Bob and John attended the water conference in Concord on April 30, 2010. At that conference we learned that DES currently has no funds available for land conservation. Normally the state has grant funds to provide 25% funding for land conservation around surface waters used for public drinking water. DES encouraged us to apply as they anticipate being able to award such grants in the future. It is best to be first in line for the funds.

Bob also discussed our reservoir trespassing problem with the Manchester representative attending the conference. They have a similar problem and have found education through the snowmobile club to be very effective. We did that last year and Bob will contact them again to educate their riders.

A reservoir boundary sign is missing and may have succumbed to recent very high winds, or perhaps vandals. John will work on some new text for a replacement sign. The old sign did have some obsolete text.

We agreed to review the watershed plan and at our next meeting discuss what should be scheduled for future watershed protection implementation.

PSU is close to completing the land planning report and we should schedule another public hearing, including both the selectmen and planning board, if possible.

A baseline sample was taken from the lake last week.

The results of the septic survey need to be compiled and John will provide it at the next meeting. It is also time to conduct some more septic inspections. There are three remaining lots on Corno road that are not newer mound systems, and we will attempt to inspect these. Corno road lots tend to be close to the shoreline.

Meeting was adjourned 8:00 PM

Respectively submitted,

John Bergeron