

DRAFT MINUTES
BROOKFIELD AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY – August 28, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.
MEETING ROOM #133 – TOWN HALL, 100 POCONO ROAD

- 1. Convene Meeting:** Vice and Acting Chair M. Grimes called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.
Present: Acting and Vice Chairman M. Grimes; Secretary F. Lollie; Commissioner M. Frankel*; Commissioner J. D’Entremont*
Absent: Chairman R. Blessey; Commissioner J. Cordisco; Commissioner E. Kukk
Also Present: Zoning Enforcement Officer A. Dew, members of the public, Recording Secretary E. Cole Prescott

*Commissioners D’Entremont and Frankel were voting members for this evening’s meeting.

2. New Business:

a. Aquifer Protection Map

b. Model Aquifer Protection Regulations for discussion

Acting Chairman Grimes stated that the Zoning Commission had closed the public hearing held regarding this matter at the last meeting. At this point, the Commission must write regulations for this zone change. The proposed regulation would go through the regular process for zone regulation change adoption. Acting Chair Grimes asked the Commissioners if they had read the model documents, and noted that there seems to be information there that may not be relevant to Brookfield; Acting Chair Grimes stated that the Commission should ask the Town Attorney to review the model regulations as well as the current regulations. Secretary Lollie stated that he agreed with Acting Chair Grimes’s suggestion to request Attorney Beecher’s review. Acting Chair Grimes mentioned that there are many items that will not pertain to Brookfield’s aquifer protection zone, because the properties in the protection area are primarily residential. Acting Chair Grimes explained that when the area serviced by Aquarion Water Company exceeds 1,000 customers, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) requires that the area be designated as an aquifer protection area on the Town map. The Commission compared the proposed map with the aquifer protection map dated 2002. After the Town Attorney reviews the proposed regulation, the Commission will send the proposal to the Zoning Commission as a regulation/map change amendment application. The Commissioners mentioned that the map should be colored differently, and expressed the need for specific aquifer colors. Commissioner D’Entremont noted that the aquifer is 1/3 of the entire Town. Acting Chair Grimes stated that the current regulations are comprehensive, and Commissioner Frankel noted that the current regulation is only four pages, whereas this proposal is 26 pages. She noted that the proposal cites some of the state statutes, but some of the wording in regard to enforcement may need to be changed. Upon inquiry from Commissioner D’Entremont regarding how the boundaries of the aquifer protection area are determined, Acting Chair Grimes stated that the DEEP has a formula to determine where the lines should be drawn for the aquifer protection area. ZEO Dew mentioned that the DEEP also considers soil types in the area. **Chairman Grimes made a motion to refer to Town Counsel the current Aquifer Protection Regulations, the model regulations, to authorize the Chairman to designate the Commissioners to review a draft with the intention of introducing an application for regulation at the regular Zoning Commission meeting of September 25, 2014. Commissioner Frankel seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously, 4-0.**

- 3. Adjourn: Secretary Lollie made a motion to adjourn the Aquifer Protection meeting at 6:45 PM. Commissioner Frankel seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

Next Meeting Scheduled for September 25, 2014