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Groundwater Advisory Committee

June 14, 2011

Conference Room B

7:00 p.m.

Present: George Pember – Planning Board; Diane Guldner – Conservation Commission; and Bryant Firmin – Water and Sewer Commission

Absent: Deidre O’Connor– Board of Health; and Leslie Rutan – Board of Selectmen

Also Present: Fred Litchfield – Town Engineer; Eileen Dawson – Recording Secretary; Eric Melle and Chris Wall – Berkshire Design Group

Groundwater Advisory Committee members began discussion at 7:08 pm.

To consider the request for a Special Permit to allow the extension of the Groundwater Area 3 line 50 feet into a Groundwater Area 2 at 6 Church Street to allow the construction of a bank with associated parking.

Applicant: United Bank, Keith Harvey, Executive V.P.

Representative: Berkshire Design Group, Chris Wall and Eric Melle

Mr. Melle, explained the details for the plans at 6 Church Street including: impervious cover remaining the same amount, 50’ offset from GW3 to GW2 for parking lot, infiltration trench proposed, perforated pipe 4’x4’, crushed stone, grass landscape, and roof water (arched roof, roof runoff would recharge) to run into drainage system to storm receptor.

Mr. Litchfield explained the fire department’s concern with the entrance of the bank on Pierce Street. Mr. Litchfield commented that the proposed traffic improvements on Route 20 and Church Street which would take into account the emergency lights needed for the fire department. Groundwater Advisory members discussed the emergency lights for fire trucks and proposed exit being on Church Street.

Mr. Litchfield commented on the drainage system and asked that a manhole be built in between the catch basins so that pipes could be inspected and cleaned-out. Mr. Litchfield agreed to discuss with the DPW Director and put a letter together on suggested drainage plans. Mr. Litchfield commented that the applicant would be required to have a downstream connection and the applicant would need to verify that capacity exists and operating properly on the street drainage system.

Groundwater members asked about snow removal (onto grass area or trucked off site if large volume), no dumpster on site (trash removal would be minimal), Operation and Maintenance plan would be required, street sweeping (silt removal as needed), and clean drainage system (as needed). Mr. Litchfield explained that Mass Highway would need to issue a permit for curb cuts and suggested Mr. Melle and Mr. Wall discuss with Mass Highway – projects division, Arthur Frost.

Groundwater Advisory members and Mr. Litchfield discussed and agreed that a letter to the ZBA recommending approval of United Bank’s project be drafted and submitted allowing a special permit for moving the GW3 line 50’ into GW2 area.

Mr. Pember motioned, Ms. Guldner seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To recommend that the ZBA grant a special permit to Keith Harvey, Executive V.P. of United Bank, for property located at 6 Church Street to allow construction of a bank with associated parking.”

Mr. Litchfield agreed to send a letter to the ZBA recommending the special permit on behalf of the Groundwater Advisory Committee. Mr. Litchfield and Mr. Wall, Berkshire Group, discussed the town’s interest in a small corner of the property being deeded to the town. Mr. Wall agreed to discuss with the applicant.

New Business

- Discuss next meeting date tentatively July 12, 2011 if necessary. Groundwater Advisory members agreed to meet if needed.

Old Business

- Northborough Crossing – Groundwater Advisory members and Mr. Litchfield discussed the update on the opening of Wegman’s for September 2011 and other retail companies.

Minutes of February 8, 2011

- Review and Approve minutes of February 8, 2011 – Members discussed the minutes and had no corrections.

Ms. Guldner motioned, Mr. Pember seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To approve the February 8, 2011 minutes.”

Adjourn

Groundwater members agreed to end the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Dawson
Recording Secretary