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Groundwater Advisory Committee

October 8, 2013

Conference Room B

7:00 p.m.

Present: George Pember – Planning Board; Diane Guldner –Conservation Commission; and Bill Pantazis – Board of Selectmen

Absent: Deidre O'Connor– Board of Health and Bryant Firmin –Water and Sewer Commission

Also Present: Fred Litchfield – Town Engineer; Eileen Dawson – Recording Secretary; Mark Simmons – Genzyme Corporation; and Michael Pippas – Genzyme Corporation.

Groundwater Advisory members began discussion at 7:05 p.m.

7:05 p.m. To consider the request of Genzyme Corporation for an amendment to a condition in the Special Permit in Case 87-15 for the property at 11 Forbes Road which is located within Groundwater Area 3. The application seeks relief from the condition which reads “Only sand which is free of salt may be used on paved areas.”

Applicant: Genzyme Corporation
Representative: Mark Simmons and Lisa Hartman

Mr. Simmons, representative from Genzyme Corporation, explained the site details; issues in bad weather for employees, visitors, and product delivery safety; and the Order of Conditions requirement not to use salt because the property is in the GW3 area. Groundwater Advisory members asked questions about using sand without salt and other alternative materials that would not be harmful to the groundwater.

Mr. Simmons and Groundwater Advisory members discussed that since Genzyme Corporation began occupying the property in the winter of 2010 – salt has been used on the site (Order of Conditions was issued in 1987 and Genzyme did not realize salt was not to be used) and they entered a 20 year lease. Groundwater Advisory members asked questions and discussed the frequency of salting, number of storms, locations of snow stock piling, and removal options for the snow from the site. Mr. Simmons explained that International Salt Company has been using a salt/sand mixture.

Mr. Litchfield asked that the applicant present a proposal with details on the formula ratio including salt content, outlined plan, and a snow removal plan. Mr. Litchfield

agreed to research what components (i.e. Sodium chloride, magnesium, etc.) that are issues in the groundwater areas.

Groundwater Advisory members agreed to meet on October 21st at 6:00 pm in Conference Room B to continue discussions.

Old/New Business

Discuss next meeting date tentatively November 12, 2013; members agreed to meet on October 21st at 6:00 pm.

Review and Approve minutes of July 10, 2013:

Groundwater Advisory members discussed the minutes of July 10th, 2013 and had some changes.

Ms. Guldner motioned, Mr. Pember seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To approve the amended minutes of July 10, 2013."

Adjourn

Groundwater members agreed to end the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Dawson
Recording Secretary