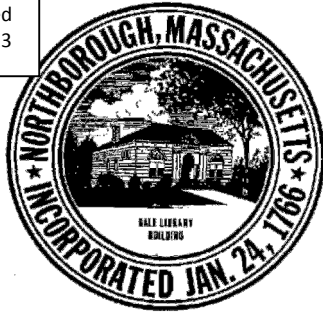


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## Groundwater Advisory Committee

October 21, 2013

Conference Room B

6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Diane Guldner –Conservation Commission and Bill Pantazis – Board of Selectmen

**Absent:** George Pember – Planning Board; Deidre O’Connor– Board of Health; and Bryant Firmin –Water and Sewer Commission

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

Groundwater Advisory members began discussion at 6:08 p.m.

### **Review and Approve minutes of October 8, 2013:**

Groundwater Advisory members discussed the minutes of October 8, 2013 and had no changes.

***Mr. Pantazis motioned, Ms. Guldner seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To approve the minutes of October 8, 2013.”***

6:10 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 salt used call Magic Minus Zero (sugar cane based), gave the 2 year history of storms, salt quantity applied, and suggestion of salt reduction of 10% in future applications. Groundwater Advisory Board members discussed the retention pond and testing the water content before and after the winter for 3 years (monitor and test the salt content) and to reduce the watering of the grass on site (keep the grass longer) to conserve water pulled from the pond.

***Groundwater Advisory Board members agreed to recommend that the ZBA approve the amendment to the condition allowing salt application with the following conditions: 10% reduction in salt content in the application, water in retention pond must be tested for contents twice yearly (before and after storm***

***season) for 3 years, applicant with come before the Groundwater Advisory Board after 3 years, annual reports must be submitted on the testing results, and 50% reduction in water out-take from the pond required except during July/August months.***

**Old/New Business**

Discuss next meeting date tentatively November 12, 2013; members agreed to meet on November 12, 2013 if needed.

**Adjourn**

Groundwater members agreed to end the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Dawson  
Recording Secretary