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**Groundwater Advisory Committee
November 20, 2013
Conference Room B
5:00 p.m.**

Present: Diane Guldner –Conservation Commission; Bill Pantazis - Board of Selectmen; Bryant Firmin –Water and Sewer Commission, and George Pember – Planning Board

Absent: Deidre O’Connor– Board of Health

Also Present: Fred Litchfield – Town Engineer; Mark Simmons-Genzyme; and Lisa Hartman – Genzyme

Groundwater Advisory members began discussion at 5:00 p.m.

5:00 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

Lisa Hartman, representative from Genzyme, commented on the list of four products for salting the paved areas.

Mr. Litchfield commented that the purpose of tonight’s meeting is related to the 1987 condition regarding sand and no salt on the property. Ms. Hartman discussed the category of magnesium chloride (Magic Salt) as the recommended application. Groundwater Advisory members asked for a three year review of amount used.

Mr. Litchfield commented on discussions with the fire department and building inspector regarding the hazardous materials and need for more research as to why the Groundwater Advisory Board was not involved in the process.

Groundwater Advisory members asked about the outside storage shed that the applicant considered building. Mr. Simmons stated the outside storage shed at this point, the outside storage shed will be pursued. Mr. Litchfield commented that the magnesium chloride could be stored inside the building and not exposed to outside elements. Groundwater members discussed the road salt as well and agreed that:

Mr. Litchfield would write a letter to the ZBA recommending an amendment to the condition in the Special Permit in Case 87-15 for Genzyme Corporation's property at 11 Forbes Road which is located within Groundwater Area 3 allowing magnesium chloride (or similar) to be applied on paved areas, stored inside the building away from outside elements.

Old/New Business:

Discuss next meeting date: tentatively January 14, 2014. Groundwater Advisory Board members agreed to meet on January 14, 2014 at 7:00 pm if needed.

Adjourn:

Groundwater members agreed to end the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Dawson
Recording Secretary