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Groundwater Advisory Committee

August 8, 2017

Conference Room B

7:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Pantazis (Board of Selectmen); Bryant Firmin (Water and Sewer Commission); George Pember (Planning Board); Diane Guldner (Conservation Commission); Tina Hill (Board of Health)

Absent:

Also Present: Fred Litchfield (Town Engineer); Danielle Redfern (resident)

Mr. Pantazis called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

7:00 p.m. To consider the petition of Jay Correia for a Special Permit from Sections 7-07-010 D.(3)(b)[4] and 7-07-010 D.(3)(c)[3], Groundwater Protection Overlay District, to allow the construction of a 4,600 s.f. office building in the Business West Zoning District and Groundwater Protection Overlay District Areas 2 and 3, on the property located at 442 West Main Street.

Applicant: Jay Correia

Representative: Same

Mr. Correia owns Jay Christopher's Salon and has been at this location for 17 years. Mr. Correia's engineer is on vacation.

Ms. Redfern commented that the hemlocks are on her property, not on the easement. Ms. Redfern indicated Mr. Correia cleared the easement and told her the intention was to put in grass. The fence is not on his property either. She is requesting he leave the bamboo there because it is a visual barrier. Because it is a parking lot, they hear car alarms, conversations, West Main Street traffic noise, etc. She said they did not know the dry wells were installed. Mr. Litchfield said some of the things on the plan are not accurate. The drainage within the easement is installed. He explained what he thought transpired with the configuration of the lots. Plantings help to keep a thick noise buffer better than the bamboo. A permanent barrier along the property line can be established. She talked about conserving the natural resources and was told that is the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission. The bylaw states that the Committee is mainly focused on stormwater and groundwater and the quality of them. Ms. Redfern referenced Lot 1 and asked if more than one building can be put on the lot. Mr. Litchfield said under Zoning, it is allowed in a commercial zone.

Mr. Firmin made a motion to recommend that the drywell on the easterly side of the lot be located outside the privacy or landscape easement.

Mr. Litchfield will recommend to the ZBA that an actual proposed plan and actual existing conditions plan with calculations verified be presented to the board.

Old/New Business:

September 12, 2017 was confirmed as the next meeting date.

Review and approve Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2016, February 14, 2017 and June 20, 2017 – Tabled.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Litchfield
Town Engineer