

Town of Stratham
Water Commission Meeting
Tuesday, August 3, 2004

Attending: Jeremy Smith, Chairman
 George Miller, Commissioner
 John Boisvert, Commissioner
 David Sallet, Commissioner

The meeting was called to order by Jeremy Smith at 7:45 PM

- The minutes were read and accepted with amendments (spelling corrections)
- Jeremy brought the Board up to date on the results of the Planning Board meeting regarding Peabody Farms, highlighting the fact that the plans had changed and the developer was looking into a cluster-style development to minimize the risk of impacting the well on the property. The developer was looking into getting a variance on road frontage to allow for 16 homes to be built.
- The Board discussed the Peabody Farms development and what the Board would go forward with as a recommendation to the Planning Board. The idea of recommending a Hydro-geologic study was discussed at length. The Board understood that there was an abundance of data available regarding quantity of water and the impact of development in the area, however, not much was addressed regarding quality.
- The Board discussed recommending a study be done using a qualified professional to ensure the results were accurate.
- It was noted that Stratham may not have regulations in their sub-division ordinance that requires Hydro-geologic studies be done...therefore our recommendation to have one done may not be legally binding.
- The idea of forming a sub-committee to review the plans and existing data for the purpose of creating a list of questions for the Planning Board was discussed and a committee was formed.
- A motion was made, seconded, and carried for the sub-committee to prepare a recommendation to the Planning Board that a hydro-geologic study be done to clarify groundwater impact both in quantity and quality of area wells. The study should include the Aquarian well, GCNE, and the proposed Peabody Farms wells. The study can use existing data and where necessary to answer water quality questions, new data should be obtained. The Sub-committee will also provide a list of questions regarding water quality. (available for the Planning Board meeting on August 17th)
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to push the rest of the agenda to next month.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sallet - Commissioner