



WAREHAM

CLEAN WATER COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 23, 2011

MEMBERS and LIASONS: Ed Pacewicz, Chairman; David Begley, Clerk; Roseann DeGrenier ; Barry C. Cosgrove ; Richard Wheeler ; and Board of Selectman Liaison Brenda Eckström.

- 1. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Pacewicz called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. All members were present except Barry C. Cosgrove.
- 2. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting held on FEBRUARY 9, 2011 were reviewed and accepted unanimously.
- 3. OLD BUSINESS:** The Chairman gave an update to the latest Board of Health, Nitrogen Task Force Sub-Committee meeting. Density bonuses were addressed and set aside after much discussion. Mr. Pacewicz also mentioned that a 50% attenuation factor for reduction to certain developments was brought up and that we will discuss it under new business.
- 4. NEW BUSINESS:** Talk about cranberries and nitrogen came up and was discussed in depth. It was reaffirmed that the Nitrogen Zero Bylaw and the Board of Health regulations do not address the cranberry bogs at all, stating a lack of testing. The discussion continued as a couple of members had questions about the bogs; the different types, taking bogs out of use, renovating bogs to today's standards etc. Ms. De Grenier (a cranberry grower) graciously answered all our questions. Mr. Pacewicz informed the committee that we had an application for appointment to the Clean Water Committee to address. The applicants pro's and con's were discussed; his being an engineer, the possibility of a conflict of interest, his behavior at the only meeting he attended. A vote was then taken for his appointment. The vote was one for, three against appointment, (1/3/0), Mr. Wheeler voted for appointment.

Mr. Pacewicz then spoke on the issue of a 50% attenuation factor that was brought up at the most recent Nitrogen Task Force Sub-committee meeting. This attenuation factor would lower the total amount of nitrogen to be offset from developments located in an upper watershed by 50%. The line dividing the upper and lower watersheds would be Route 25, anything above Route 25 would be considered in the upper watershed. Questions of how the line delineating the upper and lower watersheds were established. Residents that live next door to each other could be determined to be in the same watershed, except one would get a 50% reduction, the other zero! Who would make that decision? A vote was taken to oppose a 50% attenuation factor; the vote was 4/0/0.

Other subjects touched on were: Agawam Beach and Mayflower Ridge sewer project, sewerage Wareham's mobile home parks and the upcoming Town Meeting.

5. Next Meeting: March 23, 2011 in Rm. # 119 of the Multi-service Center.

6. Close Meeting: A motion to adjourn was made by Dick Wheeler, seconded by Roseann DeGrenier. Motion passed unanimously. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

David E. Begley, Clerk

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6/30/11

