

WAREHAM CLEAN WATER COMMITTEE JANUARY 30, 2013

MEMBERS and LIASONS: Ed Pacewicz, Chairman; David Begley, Clerk; Barry C. Cosgrove; Janet Jones; George Hempel.

1. ROLE CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

All members were in attendance except for Mr. Cosgrove.

Also in attendance was a prospective member, Dan Mullins, who has shown an interest in the Clean Water Committee. Mr. Mullins has filled out an application to become a member.

2. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on November 28, 2012 were reviewed and accepted by a majority vote of 4/0/0. Ms. Jones made the motion to accept, Mr. Hempel seconded the motion

3. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Pacewicz thanked the members of the Clean Water Committee for their support by attending the various meetings and hearings of the Board of Health on Nitrogen Regulations and their assistance in crafting those regulations. The Board of Health unanimously passed a set of Nitrogen Regulations at their last meeting on January 16, 2013. Also at the last B of H meeting, the Chairman stated, was an engineer applying for several variances for a septic system requested by a private homeowner. The Chairman noted that at least one of the variances given by the B of H "may" be in violation with existing DEP regulations and he asked the Committee how they wanted to handle this. After some discussion, Mr. Begley made a motion for the Committee to give permission to the Chairman to seek out the Health Agent with this problem, check the variances against DEP Regulations, and if there is a problem, the Health Agent can correct it. Ms. Jones seconded the motion and it passed 4/0/0.

Mr. Hempel had questions about required setbacks in the new B of H regulations that he wasn't entirely clear about. Chairman Pacewicz laid out some blank paper and proceeded to draw out all the applicable setbacks while explaining each. Mr. Mullin joined the discussion along with the other members until everyone understood the setbacks. The Clean Water Committee received a "Thank you" from a source at the State level for our work bringing the Maple Park Campground's problems to light. Without our information these problems would never have been addressed. The source also stated that the DEP is working hand in hand with the new owners to rectify any and all problems.

4. NEW BUSINESS: The Chairman researched "Alternative Septic Systems" and found in the category of Nitrogen Reducing Systems capable of reducing Nitrogen to 19ppm...only 3 companies were in the General category, 5 in the Provisional category, and 5 in the Pilot category.

The Committee then interviewed the prospective member, Dan Mullins. After Mr. Mullins spoke and he answered all the Committee's questions, Mr. Begley made a motion to accept Dan Mullins as a full member of the Clean Water Committee and to have the Chairman advise the Board of Selectmen of the outcome, Ms. Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor 4/0/0.

Mr. Begley requested to speak for a moment which was granted. He mentioned that he had been Clerk of this Committee for two years but because of a substantial increase in activity in his personal life he is resigning from the position effective immediately. He also stated that he hoped someone on the Committee would step up and take the Clerks position. Janet Jones stated that she would be willing to take over as clerk. Mr. Begley thanked her for stepping up and made a

motion to accept Ms. Jones as the Clean Water Committee's new Clerk. Mr. Hempel seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 4/0/0. Ms. Jones' duties will begin at the next meeting.

5. NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be on February 27 , 2013 in Rm. 119 of the Multi-Service Center.

6. CLOSE MEETING: Mr. Begley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Jones. The motion passed by a 4/0/0 vote. Chairman Pacewicz adjourned the meeting at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

David E. Begley, Clerk

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