

TAMWORTH PLANNING BOARD
Groundwater Protection Ordinance Committee

Draft Minutes

April 15, 2022

9:30 AM, Town Office Building

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am by Sheldon Perry. Present are: Sheldon Perry, Jeremy Phillips, Nick Grant, Kit Morgan (Zoom). Also present: David Little, Karen McCall
2. Approval of Minutes- 3/18/22 meeting. Sheldon made a motion to approve, Nick seconded. APPROVED
3. Adjustment of GPO Committee meeting schedule as determined by the committee. – now scheduled for:
 - May 23 – 6 pm
 - June 24 – 9:30 am
 - July 29 – 9:30 am
 - August 26 – 9:30 am
 - September 30 – 9:30 am

Karen McCall is interested in helping with the education piece of this committee. Sheldon made a motion to accept Karen as a voting member of the GPO Committee, Nick seconded. APPROVED

4. Discussion of responses to the GPO letter from businesses – 4 responses were received when the letter was sent out, nothing has been sent since then. Karen suggested tweaking the language of the letter – under purpose – protect drinking water, real estate values, etc. giving it a positive spin. She will send the wording to group for consideration. Perhaps post the letter on Tamworth Exchange? There are concerns about the possibility of editing by public. The town email blast list was discussed as well. Jeremy mentioned the TCC float in the Family Day Parade, and that it could be focused on groundwater. Kit mentioned that a link to the Town website could be posted on the exchange.
5. Discussion of public outreach and contact with key allies moving forward – Karen suggested perhaps an educational meeting at the Preserve. Kit mentioned that

Tara Schroeder is working on a program with the State regarding groundwater and sourcewater protection. The program will be held June 1, from 5-6:30 pm, at Runnells Hall. They are going to explain the difference between the State and Town levels of groundwater protection. She is willing to help us with our project. Sheldon will notice this meeting on the exchange/web site the week before June 1. Perhaps consider a program at the library. Would Chocorua Lake Conservancy like to do some type of an event? Nick suggested checking with Canaan to see what was done for outreach on the formation of their ordinance. Consider holding meetings in June and July. Library program – consider economic impacts – check with Pat Farley to see if Economic Development Committee would like to be involved.

Green Mountain Conservation will be doing some programs at the Library in July. Karen will contact Tara Schroeder, as well as the folks who worked on the Transfer Station initiative here in town.

Sheldon is meeting with Alex Moot and will plant the seed of economic impacts. Jeremy mentioned a table at the market, and/or something with the 4th of July. Nick suggests contacting AmeriCorps and Squam Lake Conservation group. At the table: suggestions, info/literature, how to get your water tested

6. Formulation of the Ordinance- Next steps – Comparisons were done from our 2011 version with the State model ordinance, and the Canaan ordinance. Kit spoke about their findings with the town and state ordinance comparison. There were relatively few changes with the newer State model ordinance. Kit reviewed some of the items that were changed in the Town version of the ordinance. The Google Docs version seems to be the preferred version. Kit will forward the link to the group. Ned Beecher would be a possibility for reviewing the Google Doc version if he is interested. Consider why forestry and agriculture were removed, and if they should be included this time.
Review against Canaan after working on the State model.
Map from David Jeffers: David Little suggests requesting the source information it is based on.

7. Action Items for our next meeting

Sheldon – notice GMCG meeting to Exchange, Town site during week of May 23.
Request more info for map, Get info to Pat Farley, talk to CLC (Juno and Alex)

Nick – work on table for Farmers Market

Kit – send out link for Google Docs, contact Ned Beecher

Kit/Jeremy – update/add comments to Google Docs version with any updates received from Ned

Karen – make contacts for outreach – TCNA, GMCG, CLC, TCNA, Preserve, Squam (Nick) History Center, Bearcamp Center, Distillery, Bakery, Church, etc. Send draft of tweak to letter. Work with Pat Farley re: program at Cook Library. Speak with Transfer Station people. Send Ralph Chami bio to Sheldon. Suggest sending editorials to the newspapers as we get closer to end of this project. Speak to principal at Brett School.

Re: Family Day – Sheldon has a trailer that could be used. A table in addition to the float should be considered. Produce a calendar of events for distribution. Consider T-Shirts/stickers.

8. Other Business.
9. Adjournment – Jeremy made a motion to adjourn at 11:13 am, Nick seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson
Planning Board Clerk