

TAMWORTH PLANNING BOARD
Groundwater Protection Ordinance Committee

Draft Minutes

August 26, 2022

9:30 AM, Town Office Building

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:34 am by Sheldon Perry. Present are: Sheldon Perry, Kit Morgan, Jeremy Phillips, Nick Grant. Karen McCall is absent. David Little (public) is also present.
2. Approval of Minutes- 7/29/22 meeting – Sheldon made a motion to approve, Nick seconded. APPROVED Jeremy abstained. Sheldon made a motion regarding notes - A discussion was held on August 3, Meeting notes were taken, but it was a non meeting as it did not have a quorum. In attendance were: Board members - Sheldon Perry, Kit Morgan and members of the public present were Ned Beecher and David Little. Kit seconded.
3. Education – outreach - September 28 at – presentation about aquifer and groundwater protection in general - at the library, Dr. Robert Newton. Paul Susca is retiring on August 31. Pierce Rigrod has agreed to step in during the last two weeks of November or first two weeks of January. The table at the Farmers Market was set up. This was the last visit to the Market of the season.
4. Continued formulation of the draft Ordinance.
 - Discussion of legal review by town attorney, Christine Fillmore – her comments were received in time for this meeting.
Article VI – groundwater protection district – needs date – this map has not been produced yet. David Little will work on it. Everything will be dated for Thursday, September 1, 2022. David will merge the documents into one pdf file.
It will need to be determined how to give advice to people about whether their property is in the district or not.
Move the last sentence of this section to the line above (1). In line (1) delete part (1) and the entire second sentence. In (2), delete the second sentence.
Article VII – legal advice wants us to choose the Board of Selectmen or the Health Officer. Make it say Board of Selectmen’s designated agent. Make this change throughout the document.

Article X – storage and handling is less strict than State model. Use the numbers in the DES model instead, 55 gallons or 600 pounds. Section X.A – eliminate health officer.

Add in wording that legal wants included, to have legal review of bonds. Make sure the footnote from previous page is formatted correctly.

VI – Nonconforming uses. Delete the first paragraph per legal review. Change 4 as suggested.

XIV- keep additions suggested by legal – remove health officer statement. Section B – eliminate Health officer language

XV – 3rd paragraph – remove “or their agent”. Delete wording as recommended by legal counsel.

XVI.A.2 and A.3 – use legal recommendations– also, add “as provided in for RSA” before the 673:33.

E – Special Exceptions – change as legal recommended.

Kit will make the changes to the document and send to Sheldon and David. Sheldon will distribute to the Board for review of the changes discussed today. David will incorporate the map into it.

Discussion was held regarding the map and what scale should be used. The map needs to be included in some form in the packet.

- Revise draft Ordinance in accordance with the review. – Formatting needs to be corrected.

5. Preparation for GPO Public Hearing on 9/14 at 7 PM.

Create a list of talking points to set the stage for a positive experience at the public hearing

- This applies only to businesses storing large quantities.
- Dealing with local people who can help you with compliance instead of someone from the State
- Note that DES only comes in after there is already a problem. They are reactionary, and only to major spills.

6. Action items –
Kit will do the editing of the document, Sheldon will forward to David in word format for formatting (integrate footnote), page numbers, add draft version footnote and inclusion of a map, and he will return that to Sheldon as a pdf. Sheldon will send to committee for final vetting. This needs to be completed by the middle of next week.
7. Adjournment – Jeremy made a motion to adjourn at 10:55 am, Kit seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson
Planning Board Clerk