

TAMWORTH PLANNING BOARD
Groundwater Protection Ordinance Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2022
9:30 AM, Town Office Building

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:33 am by Sheldon Perry. Present are: Sheldon Perry, Kit Morgan, Jeremy Phillips, Kit Morgan. Jay Buckley (Madison) and David Little are also present. Randall Dearborn is absent.

Mr. Buckley spoke about his history with working on groundwater protection.

2. Approval of Minutes- 12/17/21 meeting – Kit made a motion to approve, Sheldon seconded. APPROVED 2-0-1 Jeremy abstained
3. Discussion of action items from our last meeting-

Sheldon was able to contact Jay Buckley.

Creating an email address for this committee – using the town email would be complicated. Create another through the Tamworth Planning Board – TamworthGPO@gmail.com . Have that mail forward to Sheldon and he will pass it along to the group.

Jeremy and Randall were working on the business listings. That list was distributed to the Board via email. We should reach out to a lot of the allies. We need to work on deciding what we are going to send out to the businesses, and which businesses will get them. David expressed concern about many of the businesses on the list not having addresses. Perhaps contact the EDC to see if they have further information. Mr. Buckley referred to businesses that are stakeholders in the protection, for example, places that serve food and drinks. Jeremy will contact the EDC to see if we are able to obtain more contact information for the businesses. David will identify which businesses are over the aquifer and map them once the information is received. Kit spoke about the list of potential contamination sites. The State has a list of these sites, Kit is waiting to receive that. The Green Mountain Survey that was done in 2009 should be helpful.

4. Identify allies, key players, and businesses in sensitive areas. – see above

5. Discuss outreach and implementation – Kit wrote a draft letter. Add “in collaboration with the Tamworth Conservation Commission” in the first line after Tamworth Planning Board? Send a general fact sheet on the ordinance with this letter. The map of the aquifer should also be sent with the letter. Add the Conservation Commission into the letter – “The Tamworth Conservation Commission and the Planning Board” is the wording for the first line. Mr. Buckley spoke about the wording about “cost” in the letter. The State is able to assist with costs of compliance. Sheldon feels that there are many allies that we should reach out to as well as the business list.

David Little spoke about options for a T-shirt, Distillery participation in water taste testing. You need to come up with a logo and a catch phrase. Everyone should think about a title for the top of the letter and email their suggestions. Email, snail mail are preferred methods of delivery. In person visits are suggested, but difficult for a small committee.

In addition to what the letter contains, also invite them to participate.

The fact sheet has been updated, but it refers to an ordinance, which we do not have at this time.

Randall is no longer on this committee. Jay Buckley is willing to assist where he can. Consider emphasizing that this issue is regional, our neighbors all have protection in place.

6. Action Items for next meeting on 2/18/22
Jeremy will work on addresses/contact information.

David will compile a map from that business list

Sheldon will work on master list to identify businesses that will really be helpful
Eg Chocorua Lake Conservancy, restaurants

Add additional columns to spreadsheet for allies with PR capability, allies in aquifer zone, opponents

Consider what might be used as a title for the page

Kit will compile the letter/map/title into a final form

Ian Haskell, Nick Grant are possibilities to fill Randall's position. Jay Buckley will be an advisory person. Sheldon will follow up with Nick, and/or approach Ian. Jeremy will check with TCC about this issue. Sheldon may also approach Kathi Padgett. Ellen Farnum and Gabrielle Watson are also mentioned.

7. Other Business – Jeremy is supportive of the taste testing idea David had. Jeremy will have a conversation with the Distillery regarding taste testing and information.
8. Adjournment – Sheldon made a motion to adjourn at 10:55 am, Jeremy seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson
Planning Board clerk