

**Town of Tamworth  
Groundwater Protection Ordinance (GWPO) Committee  
Minutes  
7 PM, September 15, 2021**

The meeting was called to order, 7 PM by Sheldon.

Committee members present: Sheldon Perry, Kit Morgan, Randall Dearborn. Absent: Jeremy Philips

From the public: David Little

Handouts: Sheldon's notes on conversation with Tim Miner- Development of the Groundwater Protection Ordinance (GWPO) in Sandwich, 2011. Green Mountain Conservation Group (GMCG) Best Management Practices (BMP) flyers for businesses and for homeowners. Tamworth GWPO Summary and FAQs, 9/25/10.

Sheldon summarized his meeting with Tim Miner. Some useful insights and recommendations:

- GMCG was an essential resource and helped guide the process.
- Avoid having the GMCG being the "face" of the ordinance development as conservation can be a target for "over-reaching". A pro-business organization such as the Economic Development Commission (EDC) would provide valuable information and be an effective messenger that support of the GWPO is an asset to business.
- Identify the key players in town and reach out to them for advice and support. These may be business owners or individuals either within the groundwater protection district or not.
- Time inspections to coincide with NHDES inspections to gain more authority.

Developing Partnerships with relevant organizations for awareness, resource, and education:

- GMCG: Contact person- Kit.
- EDC: Contact person- Jeremy.
- Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC): Contact person: Sheldon
- Tamworth Conservation Commission (TCC): Contact persons- Randall, Kit and Jeremy.
- Health Officer- Sheldon
- NHDES Drinking-Water-and Groundwater- Andrew Koff, P.G., [Andrew.koff@des.nh.gov](mailto:Andrew.koff@des.nh.gov), (603)271-3918. Contact person- Sheldon.

Development of the GWPO in the near term:

1. Identify the key players using available business listings.
2. Seek participation from the key players by developing a personable approach to businesses with an introductory letter, by asking questions and the use of selected literature.
3. Organize, assign, and schedule in-person meetings.
4. Assemble the information.

Action items:

Kit- Work with Tara Schroeder to further develop the business list.

Randall- Use relevant resources to develop a business list.

Jeremy- Introduce our process to the EDC (Chair, Pat Farley, [patfarley26@gmail.com](mailto:patfarley26@gmail.com)), to develop a collaborative relationship. Obtain resources, as needed, and promote the concept that compliance with a GWPO is an asset for business.

Sheldon- Write a sample introductory letter for the in-person meetings with the key players.

David- Has volunteered to create a map of the location of the business to be contacted.

Everyone: Who are the key players? Suggestions?

Next meeting: Late October or early November- TBD

Adjournment: 7:50 PM

Submitted by Sheldon Perry.