

Tamworth Groundwater Protection Ordinance Committee
Meeting minutes, June 6, 2023

Members present: Nick Grant, Sheldon Perry, Kit Morgan, Jeremy Phillips. Also present: David Little

Sheldon Perry called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Approval of April 21 minutes. Minutes were corrected to change Item 3 first bullet, from “ordinance” to “procedure.” Sheldon moved and Nick seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Meeting schedule. Sheldon suggested that the committee not meet during the summer. Members should work on action items and send any correspondence to Sheldon. A meeting will be scheduled after Labor Day.

Select Board inspections and enforcement. Nick is the committee's representative to the Select Board. He reviewed a presentation by Becca Boyden, Effingham zoning officer, at the last meeting on the differences between Tamworth and a town that has zoning (they can identify businesses). A Tamworth officer will have to be proactive since the town won't automatically be aware of new businesses.

Nick reviewed an earlier Select Board meeting at which he presented the committee's letter to the Board. Board members had quite a few questions about the ordinance. The issue of junkyards came up; a part time person could be hired to deal with enforcement in that area as well as the GPO. The Board is looking to hire an inspector as a general compliance agent. Sheldon asked if there is a job description. Nick will follow up with Keats Myer or the Board. David suggested that the GPO committee tell the Board what is required to enforce the ordinance's provisions. Kit will brief Nick on the DES online inspector training he attended, and Sheldon will send information he received from Pierce Rigrod of DES. The Select Board is interested in getting a person on board sooner rather than later so they can be involved in outreach and planning.

Identifying businesses and PCS's. Jeremy has reviewed maps and identified properties within the different sections of the aquifer district. David has been examining data sources to try to identify businesses. The district is defined only by the map, not a description. David said that once we have a good list of businesses, we can identify whether they are in the district. Permission is needed to use E-911 data, which could be a useful source for mapping businesses. Sheldon will ask as planning board chair to obtain the E-911 list. The committee agreed that E-911 is probably the best way to identify businesses. The town could do a mailing from the property cards identified within the district, which Jeremy has collected for those within the district (of the areas he has reviewed so far). David suggested getting town officials and others together to use their knowledge to develop a list of businesses. This could include the Select Board, economic development commission, planning board, assessing clerk, town clerk, police and fire chiefs.

Education and Outreach. Kit and Nick will brainstorm initial outreach, reviewing Green Mountain brochures, sample letters from DES, fact sheet/summary of ordinance.

Forms. Sheldon will look into developing required forms for the Planning Board to use, e.g.

Grants and funding. DES Local Source Water Protection Grant program. Sheldon suggested Keats can help with a grant. Kit will follow up with her on that.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.