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SIMSBURY AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY MINUTES
February 28, 2011
SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gallagher called the Special Meeting of the Simsbury Aquifer Protection Agency to order at 7:40 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room at the Simsbury Town Offices. The following members were present: Bruce Elliott, Edward Pabich, Amy Salls, Robert Pomeroy and Madeleine Gilkey. Also in attendance were Director of Planning Hiram Peck, and other interested parties.

Ms. Keily, Town Clerk, swore in the Zoning Commission members as members of the Simsbury Aquifer Protection Agency.

II. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Chairman Gallagher appointed Ms. Gilkey to serve in the absence of Mr. Vaughn.

III. DISCUSSION AND SETTING OF POSSIBLE PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF THE ADOPTION OF THE AQUIFER PROTECTION AREA AS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP), AND AS SHOWN ON THE TOWN OF SIMSBURY'S ZONING MAP.

IV. DISCUSSION AND SETTING OF POSSIBLE PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF THE ADOPTION OF THE AQUIFER PROTECTION AREA REGULATION AS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP) FOR THE TOWN OF SIMSBURY.

Mr. Peck stated that because the Aquifer Protection Agency is not a part of the Zoning Commission, this is not to be part of the Zoning Regulation. He stated that this regulation is the DEP model. Simsbury's Zoning map will also be a part of this regulation. This map will be used as a reference.

Mr. Peck stated that this Regulation requires the Town to do a great deal of work including: inventory; registrations; as well as notification of property owners. He stated that he does not believe there is funding in the budget to do this work. Mr. Beach stated that it is also the Town's responsibility to inspect these sites on a yearly basis to make sure they are in compliance. Mr. Pabich questioned what the implications would be to the Town if there is not any funding in the budget to do these things. Mr. Peck stated that the Town does not have a choice whether or not to adopt this Regulation. He stated that additional language was added to the regulation, including a fee schedule.

Mr. Peck suggested that the Zoning Commission schedule the public hearing for the first or second meeting in May.

Mr. Beach stated that there currently is an Aquifer protection section in the Zoning Regulations, which regulates uses. He stated that this can be kept in place.

Mr. Elliott asked if there is an aquifer protection area on the CL&P property, although this is not depicted on the DEP mapping. Mr. Beach stated that existing wells in production are shown on the maps; wells that are not currently used are not identified.

Mr. Elliott questioned if the Avon Water Company has been notified. Mr. Peck stated that the Town does not need to notify them directly. Putting a notice in the newspaper satisfies this requirement, which they have done.

Mr. Elliott made a motion to set the public hearing for May 16, 2011. Ms. Gilkey seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pomeroy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Ms. Salls seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
