

**MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING  
HELD BY THE AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY  
MARCH 31, 2009**

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: Joseph Diminico, Vice Chairman  
Kevin Dougan, Secretary  
Salvatore Mancini  
Andy Kidd

Alternates: Eric Prause  
Matthew Galligan  
Adam Gootkin

Absent: Eugene Sierakowski, Chairman

Also Present: Mark Pellegrini, Director of Neighborhood  
Services and Economic Development  
Renata Bertotti, Senior Planner  
Ginger MacHattie, Recording Secretary  
Bonnie Potocki, Conservation Commission

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mark Pellegrini opened the meeting and introduced Matthew Bordeaux, Environmental Planner, who produced the PowerPoint presentation on the Aquifer Protection Area Program.

Mr. Bordeaux began the presentation on the Aquifer Protection Area Program with a review of the State's plan for protection, the roles of various agencies involved, identification of the town's aquifer resources, and the state statutory timetable for implementation.

Mr. Kidd asked how the areas were defined and/or identified.

Mr. Pellegrini explained that the Manchester Water Dept. currently utilizes these resources and was charged with identifying them according to State Statutory requirements that includes groundwater monitoring and computer modeling.

Mr. Bordeaux continued to identify the areas in town and characterize each according to major roads and land uses.

Mr. Diminico commented on the air-stripping tower utilized to treat groundwater at the New State Road APA.

Mr. Kidd had a question about an upland review area comparable to that of the inland wetland regulations. Mr. Bordeaux explained the difference between the two and explained the area of contribution and area of recharge to the aquifer.

Mr. Kidd asked if activities would now be non-conforming. Mr. Bordeaux and Mr. Pellegrini explained the differences between the APA regulations and the Zoning Regulations.

Mr. Bordeaux explained regulated activities by segmenting them into six categories as was established by the DEP in the introductory training program, which he attended together with Renata Bertotti, Senior Planner.

Mr. Dougan asked who would be administering and enforcing the regulations. Mr. Bordeaux responded that the role of the Aquifer Protection Agency was a new hat that the Planning and Zoning Commission would wear to administer and enforce the Aquifer Protection Area Regulations. Mr. Bordeaux would serve as the duly authorized agent.

Mr. Pellegrini explained the “minor activities” exclusion. Mr. Bordeaux explained the exemption process, as well as registration eligibility and permitting process.

Mr. Pellegrini explained that registrants will have to self-certify best management practices.

Mr. Bordeaux reviewed Materials Management Plans and the fee schedule.

Mr. Pellegrini explained the limitations to the flexibility that the Agency has to amend the regulations and to adopt more stringent ones. He then explained how the department intends to utilize various media in order to inform all potential registrants of the program so that the greatest number of people could be informed of the program.

Mr. Diminico expressed concerns with magnitude of responsibilities and difficulty in communicating requirements to all affected public.

Mr. Kidd drew the relationship with CEPA, the Connecticut Environmental Protection Act. Mr. Pellegrini explained how a CEPA intervention relates to aquifer resources.

Mr. Mancini had a few suggestions for strategy needed to communicate the requirements of the program to all three major APA's. He asked if it might be appropriate to have informational meetings located in each protection area.

Mr. Pellegrini recommended the Agency review the regulations and prepare for the next step of the public hearing required in order to adopt them. He explained that regardless of public attendance or comments, the regulation must meet statutory requirements and must be adopted according to the established timeline. Mr. Pellegrini suggested that the staff would recommend a plan to the Agency regarding the way in which all potentially regulated sites would be made aware of requirements of the program.

Mr. Bordeaux explained that a GIS-linked database had been developed and will enable the town to keep records of all registrations.

Mr. Kidd expressed interest in the possibility of an on-line registration process.

Mr. Diminico and Mr. Kidd asked what criteria triggered a public hearing with regards to the permit application process.

Mr. Kidd asked how a facility that crosses the delineated boundary would be regulated.

Mr. Pellegrini explained that only the portion of a facility within the regulated area would need to be registered.

Mr. Pellegrini closed the meeting and suggested that the Agency think about a date for the public hearing after they have had time to review the regulation.

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Eugene Sierakowski, Chairman

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