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Minutes

Regular Meeting- March 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Members in attendance, Chairman Duncan Wilber, George Neal, John Lossin, Ray Swanton and Todd Hiller. Alternate John O'Dell was also in attendance.

A motion by Ray Swanton, seconded by John Lossin to change the agenda to allow New Business first, was approved unanimously.

An application from Camp Jewell, #14-001 was presented to the Agency by Ray Zeyte for a water feature. Mr. Zeyte had come to the February meeting with plans and the board had asked for some more information which was supplied. The Agency deemed the work to be a significant regulated activity which requires a public hearing. Todd Hiller made a motion to accept the application as complete and to schedule a public hearing. The motion was seconded by George Neal and the vote to accept was unanimous. Ray Swanton asked if the public hearing could start at 6:30 and it was agreed to by all. The public hearing is scheduled for April 15, 2014 at 6:30 at the Colebrook Town Hall.

A motion by Ray Swanton to accept the minutes of February 18, 2014 as presented was seconded by George Neal. The motion to accept was unanimous.

Under Communications and Bills, the Land Use Officer presented two permit applications for the use of pesticides in state waters with descriptions of both.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:15 pm with Duncan Wilber reading the legal notice for application #14-002, construction of a pond in a regulated area at 579 Colebrook Rd. All return receipts were presented to the board. Ron Spencer, owner of the property discussed his desire for a pond being both visual and recreational for his Grandchildren. Will Sweeney, contractor for the construction described the sequence of construction and where the spoils would be placed, to the north and west of the pond. He also discussed how it would have no effect on Loon Brook that runs to the south and east of the proposed pond.

The plans were laid out on the table for inspection and the board had several questions for both Ron and Will. Some questions answered by Will were amount of material dug out and spread (approximately 1,500 yards), stabilizing and seeding, length of construction time (about seven days) to be completed in July or August. Ray talked about his concern with the water movement on the property. Mike Halloran then read two letters sent to the office, one from Lisa and Theo Melas-Kyriazi and another from Daniel and Ellen Strickler. Duncan then opened the meeting to the floor.

Tom Stanton spoke first of his concerns of the water quality being compromised and suggesting the Army Corp of Engineers be contacted. He also considered the project a significant activity and felt there was not enough information presented to the board. Manual Cords spoke next and had several questions concerning weeds and spraying for weed control. He also had concerns of stagnant water. Will Sweeney suggested the possibility of an aeration system if needed.

The Agency agreed, with Ron's permission to do a site visit after Will stakes the property where the pond would be situated. A time and date will be posted and everyone in the room was satisfied with the agreement. It was also decided to contact Sean Haydon for an opinion. This information will be presented for the public. A motion was then made by George Neal and seconded by Todd Hiller to close the hearing. The vote to accept the motion was unanimous.

There being no other business, a motion made by George Neal to close the meeting was seconded by Ray Swanton. The vote was unanimous to close the meeting at 8:20pm.

Michael Halloran
Land Use Office