

ADOPTED MINUTES
Henniker Conservation Commission
Water Resources Subcommittee Meeting
September 15, 2008
7:00 PM Henniker Grange Hall

PRESENT: Holly Green, Mark Mitch, Chris Fox, Dana Myskowski

1) *Review and approve minutes for the 8/18 meeting:*

We will wait till we have copies in hand next month.

2) *Updates to Water Resources Management Plan:*

WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE TASKS LIST

Confirm accuracy of the following:

- Watershed info on pages 3 - 8 and 18. (Mark) – We discussed the maps; Mark has made some progress and will continue to work on this; more information will be available next month.
- Surface water quality classification on pages 8 and 10. (Mark) – Holly will forward Mark the name of the person he needs to communicate with.
- Flood plain info on page 9. (Chris) Chris has visited OEP and submitted a request for the information based on his membership on this committee. He will also obtain a map on properties boundaries from Denise.
- Wetlands and soils info on pages 8 - 9 and 21 - 22. (Mark & Chris) Chris will be able to supply this information once he has the flood plain data.
- Aquifer and Bedrock info on pages 10 - 14. (Chris & Rick.) Chris can get the bedrock info off of one stop; Rick will interpret it once he has the print outs from Chris.

Update the following:

- Surface water discharge, use, and withdrawal on pages 8 - 11 and 13. (Holly) Holly obtained the info from DES. The rules in 1987 have expired; new statutes went into effect in 2005. This is an area of new law that perhaps folks still need to be made aware of; the rules are going to legislative committee next week, thus people may not yet be aware that they have to register. Derrick Bennet registers Henniker area businesses and users for new water discharge, use and withdrawal, and also transfers; Holly has asked him if our committee can help with outreach. Users who are affected by the regulation include those who use more than 20,000 gallons per day (average over a seven-day period), or 600,000 gallons over a 30-day period. (Title L, Water Management and Protection, Chapter 488.) Holly believes there may be an exemption under agricultural use and

lumber yards; she will look into the rules and bring information next month and/or e-mail them to the water resources subcommittee.

- Groundwater discharge, use, and withdrawal on pages 11 and 13. (Holly) (See previous bullet.)
- Well data on pages 10 - 11. (Holly, Rick & Chris.) Updates tabled till next month's meeting.
- Potential contamination sources on pages 14 - 16. (Holly) Holly will e-mail the print outs to everyone.
- Land Use and Zoning info on pages 17 - 18. (Dana, with help from Holly & Chris.) Updates expected next month.
- Water use info on pages 12 - 13 and 18 - 20. (Holly)
- Septic systems on pages 21 - 22. (Soil - Chris; Septic - Dana) Information anticipated next month.
- Waste disposal on page 22. (Ron) Ron placed some information in Holly's box; she will bring that to next month's meeting.
- Public Water Systems on pages 23 - 24. (Ron - COMPLETED)
- Wastewater Treatment on page 24. (Ron - COMPLETED)
- Existing regulations and policies on pages 24 - 26 (Ron; also: subdivision regulation)
- Storage Tanks Appendix II (Ron - COMPLETED)

Possible Maps to Add:

Chris will bring printed maps of:

- Aquifers
- Watersheds
- Soils
- Wetlands
- Potential Contamination Sources
- Floodplains
- Well locations
- Land Use

Other:

- Contact Fire Department to obtain the Emergency Planning Community Right to Know information (Spencer). Will bring to next month's meeting.

3) *Outreach Ideas:*

- Regarding the New Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act regulations that went into effect July 1st: Mark has contacted the president of the French Pond Neighborhood Association and yes, the association is interested in learning more via a workshop/presentation. Holly has contacted the Shoreland Outreach Coordinator from DES to set up an informational workshop; she is waiting to hear back from the coordinator.

- Dana has yet to speak to Denise about setting up a blog for the subcommittee off of the Conservation Committee's website.
- NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists—Chris will inquire with them to see if they are doing any outreach, workshops, etc.
- Holly filed a Grant Application that would provide planning assistance for towns in innovative land use controls as solutions to potential problems. The deadline was Sept. 10; since the Water Resources Subcommittee met after that deadline, Holly brought it to the Conservation Committee meeting on the 3rd; the committee agreed that she should file the grant application. Henniker's was the only application received, though we may have to wait until after the second deadline in October before we hear any decision on our grant.
- Invasive aquatic species signage – Dana posted a sign at Long Pond's seldom used and overgrown public boat ramp. Mark mentioned that twice recently when he was at French Pond on a Sunday afternoon, there was no one else on the water, therefore it seems the Cyanobacteria Advisory warning signs have been effective.

4) *Other Business*

- Megan Mulcahy has submitted her letter of resignation due to an increase in her own workload at her job; it was accepted by the committee.
- Rain Barrels – (Dana) More on that next month.
- Rain Scaping – (Dana) More to come.

The subcommittee will meet again October 20 at 7 pm. It was unanimously decided to adjourn at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Myskowski
September 15, 2008