



**CITY OF DOVER**

## WILLAND POND AD-HOC COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: Council Conference Room, City Hall, Dover NH 03820  
Meeting Date: **Tuesday, August 18, 2009**  
Meeting Time: **5:30 to 7:00 pm**

Present: Thomas Fargo, Jean Hausman, Cheri Bartlett, Peter Allen  
Absent: Meghan Houlahan, Betsey Andrews Parker, Joe McCormak

Also Present: Christopher Parker, John Carlson, Salley Soule, Dean Peschel, Rick Callaghan, Somersworth residents

Meeting began at 5:33 pm

1. Introductions - Fargo
2. Staff updates
  - a. Well Resource Request For Proposals – Peschel
    - i. RFP was released in July
      1. 8 responses
      2. 5 interviews on 8/20/09
      3. Award of bid on 9/9/09
    - ii. Elevation needs to be closer to 182'
      1. Committee will be asked to weigh in on elevation
    - iii. Complicated scope of work
      1. Review historic elevations
        - a. Closer to 182' than 188'
      2. Define capacity of aquifer
      3. Perform a cost benefit analysis
      4. Develop a model to review watershed potential
      5. Review ability of existing well to be reused
    - iv. Work will require at least 18 months, but closer to 2 years to design, permit, install and start process
    - v. CIP Wellhead Exploration funds are being used to pay for study
    - vi. Wellhead should not preclude recreation opportunities.
    - vii. Hausman would support an elevation of 182'
    - viii. Fargo asked if the model would look at subsurface draw from areas outside the watershed
      1. Peschel indicated it could
  - b. 319 Grant Update - Parker
    - i. Applied for grant in 2007, used to pay for SW Cole report and for establishment of outreach and education
    - ii. Plan to apply, with Somersworth, for additional funds to begin retrofitting of stormwater structures
    - iii. Fargo would like the Step pool option included in grant application
    - iv. Peschel supports well process first to potentially CIP monies for well construction
    - v. Fargo supports step pools and doesn't want to forgo that option
    - vi. Bartlett sees the step pools as a short term solution and doesn't want to wait 2 years to begin that process, we should at least start the design process now and have a plan ready to go.
    - vii. Hausman supports the idea of lowering the elevation, but is concerned about step pool maintenance and City funding/staff for it.



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- viii. Soule said DES will work with the Cities to review the options and make the best possible application.
- c. Beaver update - Parker
  - i. Bob Stackpole was in the audience and has indicated that 2 beaver dams have been removed. One is under new construction
  - ii. Discussion ensued about the maintenance issues that step pools would create with new areas for beaver to erect dams.
3. Review and Update of Activities in Response to October 2007 NHDES Action Letter– Parker
  - a. Reviewed the 7 areas. Of them 5 are complete
    - i. Lake monitoring is critical and needs to be implemented
      1. Soule offered to have education and support in spring
      2. Many residents volunteered to be part of the process and involved
      3. Soule indicated there is no charge for testing
    - ii. Second item is the retro fits of the stormwater structures
  - b. Bartlett said she would like to assist Girl Scouts in getting involved.
    - i. Jeff Taylor will have opportunities for that
4. Sunset or Realignment of Ad-Hoc Committee – Fargo had to leave. Bartlett took over as chair
  - a. Bartlett has concerns about committee sun setting wants to have an advocacy group
  - b. Discussion ensued regarding role of “Fiend’s” group and Ad-hoc
  - c. Concerns arose about reaching a quorum and the need to replace potentially 3 members.
    - i. Discussion ensued regarding potential of Somersworth residents being appointed to committee.
  - d. Committee recommends that the City Council amend the original resolution forming the Committee to allow membership from Dover and Somersworth to fill any vacant spot.
    - i. Motion: Allan                      Second: Bartlett                      UA
  - e. Committee should stay in place until a resolution of the water quality and quantity issues.
    - i. Motion: Hausman                      Second: Allan                      UA
5. Committee Recommendations for City Council Action
  - a. Bartlett feels the Committee should update Council on SW Cole report and recommend action
  - b. Callaghan stated that Harvey Turner asked the Councilor to sponsor a resolution to establish a policy directive for the City Manager to expedite repair of the pond
    - i. Discussion ensued regarding need for that directive
    - ii. Committee felt it was already in place
      1. Would like Turner to attend next meeting and speak to need for resolution
  - c. Callaghan stated he would like to bring a recommendation from the Committee to the Council in September
    - i. Bartlett offered to compile Committee responses to the SW Cole report into one document for Committee to review and forward to Council.
6. Next meeting
  - a. Tuesday, September 15, 2009
    - i. 5:30 pm
    - ii. Council Conference Room
7. Adjournment (6:54)
  - a. Motion: Allan                      Second: Hausman                      UA