Members Present: Sarah Paratore, Chair and Robert Haberman

Members not present: Mike Curley, Vice Chair, Nick Canzano, Deana Cowan, James Dwyer, and Katherine Dawson, Ex Officio.

Others Present: Erica Anderson from LRPC and Rob Haberman, Jr.

Agenda:

6:30 p.m. Call to Order
Minutes of the June 9, 2009
Correspondence, any other business

6:35 p.m. Workshop – Erica Anderson from LRPC will be attending to work on the Tilton Drinking Water Protection Ordinance.

Meeting:

6:34 p.m. The meeting was called to order.

The minutes from the meeting held on June 9, 2009 will be reviewed at the next meeting to be held on July 14, 2009. We do not have a quorum in attendance.

6:35 p.m. Workshop – Erica Anderson from LRPC to work on the Tilton Drinking Water Protection Ordinance.

Erica passed out some fact sheets. The 3 page fact sheet is one that we developed to help answer questions.

Erica gave a summary of where the other two towns are at.

Belmont already had an ordinance which they adopted in 2008. They are going to incorporate their well head protection districts and aquifer ordinance. Belmont has a large aquifer area

Northfield adopted an aquifer in 2004. This was before the model came out. It is very similar to the model. The aquifer overlay district is currently only the aquifer. What we are proposing for them is to do the municipal well head protection area as well as the aquifer. Hopefully, later on as the people get comfortable using the ordinance we will incorporate the other public water systems, the non-transient ones like the mobile home parks or smaller developments.

Tilton - what we are looking at now is what parts of the town with aquifer we want to look at protecting. Do we want to include the town water systems? The municipal wells for the town are shared with Northfield.
Sarah notes that all the area behind Shaw's/BJ's has been rezoned and potential for development now as it is commercial zone. So any ordinance would affect this area.

Erica pointed out the well heads that are around the lakes and by Walmart which is Huntbrook I and II.

Sarah asked even if we were to put forward this ordinance in whatever form and the voters voted for it we do not have a district to which this would apply.

Erica states that we need to create a map. The district creation is incorporated into the ordinance. Section D - on the ordinance draft the Aquifer Protection District. The district is basically the map we make for the towns. Depending on what decision the planning board decides on just the aquifer or the well heads. One section is determining the district if the board decides to go in that direction.

Erica presented a copy of the draft of the Tilton Zoning ordinance that was drafted base on the model ordinance the state has. A copy of the state ordinance is on line at DES.

Sarah asked if there is a copy of the map that we can get electronically. This would be helpful when explaining to the members that aren't present at this meeting. (Copy of the map arrived on 6-26-09)

Erica said she could make the map available on jpeg. This map may be made with the various colors to make in clearer to determine the different areas.

Erica explained on the model of Tilton Groundwater Protection Ordinance the areas in red are definitions that Northfield and Belmont have in their ordinance that were not included in the model. It makes sense to have these defined just so the people know what they are as they are referred to in the model. Any of the text that is red in the ordinance is something that Northfield and Belmont has included in their ordinance. This could be viewed as a way to make this regional protection of the aquifer. These areas could also be removed if the town would like to stay closer to the state model.

The model refers to “Conditional Use” and I think Belmont does “Special Use”. One item to note is under section F performance standards #5 states 55 gallons but the state model shows 275 gallons which would basically be home heating oil. Belmont went with 55 gallons to catch all of the drums. Residential outside oil tanks would be exempt.

The other performances measures they update the Storm Water Management booklet for the state which I have added to this model as well as the Tri-Town Aquifer BMP guide book.
Section H. Prohibited Uses was taken right from the state model. These are potentially the most damaging. Belmont also included items 9 – 15 so they go beyond the model. This makes sense because you wouldn’t want to keep these on an aquifer such as sludge monofills, storage of animal manure, household hazardous waste, commercial fertilizers and excavation/mining with seasonal high water table. With the types of industries in Belmont area they wanted to make sure it was clear.

Mr. Haberman asked Erica where the Tilton model ordinance came from. She replied she drafted from the model as she thought would be easier to look through than the criteria sheet. If the criteria sheet works better for you to work through then use it. I will be drafting the ordinance for Tilton hopefully so I thought I would just do it. Our intent was all 3 towns would be on the same page for the majority of the ordinance.

Sarah asked Erica where are they in the process with Belmont and Northfield.

Belmont is looking at incorporating it in the draft stage. Northfield will be taking a similar draft to their planning board to discuss. Since Northfield already had an ordinance they are looking at modification.

Erica stated that John Chase from the Tilton-Northfield Water District has been very helpful and she hopes John could attend a planning board meeting in the future.

Sarah commented that Erica has done a great job. As you can see here tonight we have some trouble getting people to volunteer. I think this a great ordinance and we should get this passed. Personally I don’t think that it is too restrictive, it exempts private residences. This is only dealing with businesses. I feel that the planning board is on board with protecting our drinking water.

Sarah notes that as she was going through one question that pop out under section F Performance Standards #3 “Facilities where regulated substances are stored must be secured against unauthorized entry by means of a door and/or gate that is locked when authorized personnel are not present and must be inspected weekly by facilities owner. A copy of the inspection log will be submitted to the Planning Board with required periodic facility inspection reports.” How can this be enforced? Tilton only has a part-time code enforcement officer.

Erica commented this was added by Belmont as they have a full time code enforcement officer, but Northfield’s is only part time. This periodic inspection reports could be inspected quarterly.

Sarah suggests that we should email a copy of this to the board members, selectmen and the conservation commission for them to read and comment on.
Erica notes that Tilton doesn’t have a huge amount of aquifer compared to Belmont and you don’t have any municipal well head protection areas that even if you just did the aquifer it would correspond with regional protection. In the future incorporate the others later.

Sarah notes this could impact the development on Rte 3/11 heading west. There would be that no more junk yards, gas stations, or hazardous wasted facilities built in those 11 miles.

Erica notes that there are 2 ways to incorporate this. One way is by the inspection program and the other restrictive. There would be nothing grandfather but there would be best management practices that they should follow for existing businesses.

**Correspondence:**

- Email from the Belknap County Conservation District is hosting a Web Soil Survey workshop on July 22.
- LGC – 68th Annual Conference will be held on November 18-20, 2009 at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester
- Information brochure from National Grid
- AIA New Hampshire results of AIA 150 Blueprint of America (DVD enclosed)
- LRPC 2009-2010 Transportation Enhancement (TE) Application Grant Round

Sarah notes that we have no cases scheduled for July 14th meeting, but we do have to have one meeting a month so we will schedule a workshop to discuss drafting the ordinance for the Tilton Groundwater Protection.

Motion made by Mr. Haberman to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sarah. Vote was taken and motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Augusta Marsh, Land Use Coordinator

(These minutes are subject to the review and approval by the Planning Board at the next scheduled meeting.)

**Minutes were approved at the Planning Board meeting held on Sept 8, 2009**