

**Water Resource Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2011**

Present: Jane Cable, Jack Collins, Mervin Roberts, Steven Ross.

Absent: Hansen Cummins, Stephen Dix, George James

Chairman Steve Ross called the special meeting to order at 5:30 PM. It was determined that 4 members on this committee of 7 constituted a quorum.

Minutes approved: Motion made by Jane to approve the July 20 Special meeting Minutes as submitted. Second by Jack and approved by unanimous vote.

Steve reviewed Marc Cohen's proposal to write a plan for Old Lyme. Everyone feels that it would be useful. Emphasis is supposed to be on aquifer protection and waste water management using alternatives to sewers.

The question arose as to whether Barkhamsted enacted an Ordinance based on the plan Marc did or not. Jane will check on this question.

Discussion followed as to what should be included in the proposed Ordinance. Jack stated that we should mention under what grant of authority the ordinance is being proposed. It was concluded that CGS 7-148 was most applicable in that it provides for the Town to have authority over matters that affect public health and safety. The purpose of the Ordinance is to preserve the quantity and quality of clean water for the use and needs of the residents of Old Lyme and prevent the depletion and/or contamination of aquifers, ground water and water sources.

Following are permit issues and exclusions to be drafted into the Ordinance. Jack and Jane will draft them in language that is legally used.

1. Permit to be required for exportation of water from Old Lyme when it exceeds 5,000 per day by any means, including but not limited to pipeline, trucks, railway and the diversion of a water course.
2. Exclusions to the requirement for a permit will include septic tank pumping, water for filling swimming pools on an occasional basis, the existing Point 'O Woods sewer pipeline or other DEEP approved permit that predates this Ordinance.
3. Application for a permit will be made to the Town Official, Board or Commission to be designated by the Board of Selectmen. The application fee will be determined by the Board of Selectmen as well.
4. The approval of a permit will be based on the applicant having provided information that indicates the proposed exportation of water for which they are applying will not result in an adverse impact (quantity and/or quality) to aquifers and water supplies in Old Lyme. Such information must be based on a study or testimony from qualified sources.

The next step will be a draft to include the above. Then, we will further discuss the process for administering and enforcing the Ordinance.

The next special meeting will be a workshop session to be held November 1, 2011 at 5:30 PM in the Town Hall Main Floor meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:22 PM.

Submitted by Steven A, Ross, Chairman