Drinking Water Source Protection Committee
Approved Minutes of Meeting 7/12/10

Members present: Bob Reagan, Selectman, John Bergeron, Secretary; Edward Berger, Eben Pendleton, Julie Thomason, Erin Darrow, and David Auerbach.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Bob Reagan at the town offices.

Minutes of June 14, 2010 were read and approved.

Old home day arrangements were discussed and the tent will be set up on the village common. Bob Reagan volunteered to work the tent from 9 to 11 AM, John Bergeron will cover it from 11 AM to 1 PM, and Ed Berger will cover 1 to 3 PM. We will have a map showing the water features in town and a map of the water distribution system. There will be numerous brochures provided by DES, as well as brochures done by last year’s graphics art class at the high school.

On Sunday 8/8 the tent and materials will be moved to the beach to support the Canaan Lake Association and Cardigan Mountain School celebration. David suggested a possibility for a contest, which is to guess statistics of the lake, such as gallons of water or acres in the lake or watershed. John has located an EPA video which may be set up in the meetinghouse on Sunday.

http://www.epa.gov/owow/videocontest.html
http://www.epa.gov/owow/videos/dastardly_deeds/dastardly_deeds.mp4

CLA and CMS will meet at the beach next week to discuss Sunday’s events.

Staffing for Sunday was discussed with Eben covering 9 to 11, John covering 11 to 1 and Erin covering 1 to 3.

Erin Darrow discussed the stormwater problem at the beach and possible approaches to mitigating it. She stated that her thoughts were preliminary as she hasn’t done a thorough examination of the site and prepared a design. Tom Guillette has discussed increasing the capacity of the parking lot with Erin. There is also erosion on the side of the boat ramp and on the right side of the beach. There is a low spot in the parking lot near the museum. Erin discussed a rain garden with something like day lilies running on the right side of the beach from the parking lot to the water, and perhaps some vegetation in the area of the picnic tables. Stones of the right size could be added to the boat ramp to stabilize the erosion there. The grass area near the street has become rutted and compacted and may no longer be acting as a pervious surface. Grants may be available through DES or EPA to fund most of the project, if we include highway department labor as matching funds. The Bird and Garden club may be asked to assist with plant selection.
and other suggestions. Both short term fixes and long term solutions will be explored. Erin plans to speak about this subject at the CLA annual meeting on Saturday. Eben Pendleton volunteered to arrange for the lake hosts to count cars on weekends, so that we know more about the parking demand. Bob discussed raising the sidewalk to create a berm and divert water away from the parking lot and beach both summer and winter.

Bob reported that reservoir signs have been ordered.

DES will be here on Tuesday July 20 to sample the lake for the VLAP program. Eben, Julie, David, and John all plan to meet at 10 AM at the CMS dock on Tuesday July 20.

Meeting was adjourned 7:55 PM

Respectively submitted,

John Bergeron