



APPROVED

1-6-2015

MINUTES

- 1) **Call the Meeting to Order:** Chairwoman Jean Schneider called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
- 2) **Roll Call:** TCCC members present were Holly Anderson (arrived late), Barb Bauer, Paula Brandmeier, David Greer, Jean Schneider, Monica Smith and Bruce Stravinski. Windsor staff members included Town Attorney Connie Anderson, Town Engineer Kevin Richardson and Planning and Development Coordinator Amy Anderson Schweppe.
- 3) **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge was recited by all in attendance.
- 4) **Minutes from July and August:** Held in abeyance due to discussion on the Hoffman Quarry.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Held in abeyance.
- 6) **Appearances before the Committee:** There were no unscheduled appearances.
- 7) **Yahara Materials request to review Hoffman Quarry and request a letter of no objection:**

Applicant Yahara Materials, represented by Tim Geoghegan presented information on their Conditional Use Permit application which was approved at the Town of Windsor Plan Commission. The plan commission requested that the applicant get a letter of no objection from the Token Creek Conservancy Committee. The presentation covered general information as well as more specific information related to stormwater management and the infiltration plan.

Chairperson Jean Schneider opened the public comment portion of the meeting with a reminder that the focus of the meeting was the impact the quarry may present to the Token Creek Watershed and Token Creek Conservancy. Other matters not related to the watershed and Conservancy will need to be addressed at the Town Board meeting on September 18th, 2014.

The majority of the public comments were in opposition of the quarry for the following reasons:

1. The quarry may use a lot of water that could impact groundwater and nearby well water quality and levels.
2. Concerns about chemicals and fuel uses at the site might cause contamination.
3. The infiltration pond may become a source of contaminated agriculture runoff with recharge into the watershed.
4. There is no presented evidence of where the groundwater goes and if the quarry impacts the springs.

There were several comments in support of the proposal because the infiltration plan would enhance area water recharge and ultimately benefit the watershed by keeping water on site.

The committee debated on the proposal. There were many questions that were related to lack of evidence that the plan as presented would work. There was not a specific groundwater study conducted. There was not a specific study on the impact of a high capacity well in relationship to any neighboring wells. There was no study to determine if radon or other contaminants could be

introduced into the water supply as a result of blasting. The proposal doesn't include a clear mechanism for remediation of any problems.

Paula Brandmeier made a motion to deny the letter of no objection and request that the Town Board consider the following conditions in order to satisfy the concerns of the Token Creek Conservancy Committee:

- (1) The stormwater ponds should be sized for the 100 year stormwater/flood event.
- (2) The applicant should monitor the wells nearby and the list of wells should be established by Town Staff for approval. A baseline reading should be established. The expectation should be the Safe Drinking Water Standard.
- (3) Ag and Land Use Plan should be focus for area for the long-term.
- (4) Definitively establish if there is a relationship/connection to the activity proposed at the quarry site, including the infiltration ponds, and the Token Creek Conservancy. The goal is to determine if there will be an effect on the groundwater pattern and water infiltration that may/may not impact the springs including water flow, pollution and other disturbing activity that may be detrimental to the springs. An independent study/hydrology report should be considered. The study should be presented to the TCCC.

The motion was seconded by Holly Anderson. The motion passed with six votes in favor and one vote against.

- 8) **DNR Ponds Update:** Held in abeyance.
- 9) **Maintenance issues:** Held in abeyance.
- 10) **2015 Project Plans:** Held in abeyance.
- 11) **Workdays/volunteer coordination:** Held in abeyance.
- 12) **Adjournment:** Bruce Stravinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Paula Brandmeier. The motion passed 7-0 The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


Amy Anderson Schweppe