

Board members in Attendance constituted a Quorum:

Wm. Keller, Wm. Cossart, L. O'Brien, L. Eggleston,

J. Kablack, Town Planner

Meeting called to order by Chairman O'Brien at 7:10 PM

Meeting with Selectmen, Water District, Conservation Commission, Board of Health on Town Meeting Articles 41 & 20

Selectmen Clark, Drobinski, Roopenian, Town Manager Maureen Valente

Bob Leupold, Steven Johnson (SVT), Bob Sheldon (Water District), Bridget Hanson,

Parker Coddington, Dick Bell, Larry Blacker

Article 41

In-ground Irrigation Well- William Cossart to present. Meeting with Selectmen

Selectmen questions/concerns

1) Depth of Wells-These wells would be deeper than the town wells. They would be 100 feet deep and 100 feet away from wetlands or vernal pools

Selectman Roopenian-is that considered a "shallow well" (W Cossart-shallow wells will not pump at the rate required for irrigation. These will be artesian wells.)

W. Cossart explained that the bylaw was written conservatively by giving both depth and horizontal setbacks. It was written to force the well driller into the rock wells not used by the town and not affected by runoff. Anything less deep would have to be demonstrated by an engineer. This will also avoid an "after the fact" enforcement situation.

2) The law is 100 foot setback for septic and this is part of Title V.

3) Enforcement during bans- Board of Health has a data base of all private wells and those are not part of the bans now.

Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Selectmen and Water District all support this Article.

Public Comment

Why is there no allowance for drip technology? (W. Cossart-there is no technology now for drip irrigation of lawns. This article is directed at the new wells being dug for lawn irrigation since this produces a 5 times pull on resources in the summer.)

Article 20

Minor Site Plan Article

Selectman Clark has an issue with the second paragraph since it modifies the zoning bylaw and reduces the public process.

The Planning Board explained that this article is an attempt to reduce the burden on small property owners when they want to make a small expansion.

Selectman Clark also was concerned that the part about areas of wetland and vegetation being replaced would make the Selectmen a Conservation Body.

The Planning Board pointed out that Wetland/ Conservation Issues and Board of Health issues all supercede the bylaw and would be dealt with by the appropriate boards.

The Planning Board agreed to amend the bylaw to include a public hearing

Meeting adjourned 7:40 PM