

WOODSTOCK CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Special Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, October 24, 2016

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Meeting Room A

1. Meeting call to order at 7:00pm
2. Members in attendance – J. Audette, J. Pillo, M. Robie, B. Smith & L. Wesler
3. Introduction of attendees – Rick Canavan, Susan Jenkot, Richard Wisneski, David Miller, Patrick Bernardo, Valerie Ietto, Andre Bessette & Marla Butts
4. Mark Cohen's presentation
5. Discussion -
 - Marc Cohen of the Atlantic States Rural Water and Wastewater Association reviewed previous work his organization completed on for Drinking water source water protection in 2006 – The Little River Sourcewater Protection Plan.
 - Cohen showed a short video that defined What is an Aquifer. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9o2kWvTDIY> Stratified drift aquifers are more susceptible to contamination.
 - Cohen explained his organization is funded by the USDA and his work with the CC on this project will be at no cost to the Town of Woodstock. The CC invited him to work with the town to develop strategies to protect a valuable source of drinking water that is stored in the aquifer in south Woodstock. An aquifer overlay area is one type of strategy.
 - Pillo emphasized that the creation of an aquifer projection overlay area is not mandated by the State because there are no public wells in the aquifer area serving more than 1000 people. The other Woodstock Agencies, Boards and Commissions as well as the public were invited to participate in the discussion about possibly creating an aquifer overlay area from the beginning of the process.
 - Water quality in the aquifer identified on the map presented at the meeting is important for water quality in Little River, a source of drinking water for business and residents in Putnam and South Woodstock.
 - Regulated activities are defined by the CT DEEP. WCC proposes to restrict locating businesses conducted regulated activities over the aquifer as a pollution prevention strategies.

At conclusion it was suggested that further meetings necessary and will be advertised in advance to hopefully have better representation of town officials who where unable to attend this meeting.

6. Adjournment by consensus with thank yous to participants at approx. 8pm.

L. Wesler, Chairperson