

Danby Town Board
Public Hearing - Stormwater Laws Minutes
February 8, 2010

Present:

Supervisor: Ric Dietrich
Councilpersons: Leslie Connors, Kathy Halton, Dylan Race
Absent: Dan Klein (on vacation)
Town Clerk Pamela Goddard
Code Officer Susan Beeners

Members of the Public:

Joel Gagnon, Ted Crane, Robert Roe, Ronda Roaring,
Mary Ann Barr, Cynthia Bowman, Keith Porter

Call to Order:

Proof of Notice having been furnished, the **Public Hearing on Local Laws 1-3 of 2010**, Stormwater Management, Erosion and Sediment Control Legislative Package, was called to order at **6:45pm** by Supervisor Fredric Dietrich

Overview of the Stormwater Local Law Package:

Code Enforcement Officer, Sue Beeners presented an overview of proposed Local Laws 1-3 of 2010, known as the Stormwater Legislative Package. Beeners clarified certain terms and their relation to enforcement of these laws and explained the procedure for assuring compliance.

Questions regarding Enforcement:

Supervisor Dietrich and Cynthia Bowman initiated a conversation regarding the level of activity and enforcement to be generated by the proposed new laws, with respect to the Town Justices and the Code Enforcement Office. It was suggested that Judicial Education projects be used to inform the Justices regarding related citations and fees.

There will be some additional enforcement duties, especially for disturbances over one acre, which will be funded by fees charged for these activities. The ability of a qualified professional to inspect disturbance sites at any time is woven through the Laws.

Attorney Keith Porter informed the group about an opportunity to enhance Stormwater laws through an EPA directive to monitor sediment run off in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. There could be an opportunity for Danby to take the lead in this, by teaming up with the Upper Susquehanna Coalition for possible funding support through the EPA. Porter encouraged the Town Board to act proactively with the EPA on this issue. He suggested that enhancement of these laws could be done through future amendments.

Ronda Roaring spoke in favor of the Local Laws, and encouraged the Planning Board to use these Local Laws to protect critical environmental areas in relation to residential construction and forest management.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Hearing was terminated at 7:40pm.