

**Public Hearing  
Aquifer Law and proposed changes to the Land Use Code  
March 8, 2006**

Supervisor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Supervisor Moore, Councilwoman Robinson, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook, Councilman Votra, Town Clerk Maguire, Superintendent of Public Works Jeff Woods

**Others Present:** Tom Demo, Angel Randall, Jennifer Myers, Shirley Butterfield, Kathryn Durocher, Thomas Durocher, Elbridge E. Randall, Richard Randall, Mike Ward, Timothy Randall, Ward, Mary Witherell, Larry Page, Ronald Page, Duane Butterfield, Brenda Butterfield, Jim Sullivan, Bernard Chambers, David M. Strack, John Carr

**The Public Notice was read by the Town Clerk.**

**Public Comments concerning the Aquifer Law:**

Tom Demo expressed his concerns about the proposed law. He has concerns regarding Special Use Permits that will be required for the use of liquid manure inside the proposed zone. He and Bernie Chambers questioned why there is a need for approval from a second Certified Nutrient Management Planner when it has already been approved by a planner for the farmer's permit to use the liquid manure. It was explained that it was a safeguard for the town and the farmer. He also wanted to know if he would be compensated for the 500 ft of his land that he will be unable to use as he wants without a special permit. He was informed that it was the same for any other landowner that wanted to use their land in ways that were not allowed. Discussion was held about the Town Board's concern about safeguarding the water quality for the entire water district. The Board stated they would protect the water. Mr. Demo made known his dissatisfaction with the way the Aquifer Law will affect his use of his land.

Elbridge Randall expressed his displeasure with area farmers on Rt 72 spreading liquid manure when the ground is frozen and the storage of excess liquid manure close to neighboring parcels of land and causing runoff of manure.

**Re-Zoning of four parcels to commercial:**

No representative from Planning Board was present, so the Town Board welcomed public comments to pass on to them before the next public meeting.

Jennifer Myers wanted to know who was supposed to receive letters from the Planning Board regarding the Public Hearing. She was informed it was landowners within 500 ft. from a parcel that was to be rezoned. She said that she had heard from a few landowners that they didn't receive a notice. She said they have all been notified since and were aware of the meetings.

Tom Durocher had concerns over how far back the gravel pit would be, where the access roads would be located and what can be done with a parcel of land once it was zoned for commercial. He was told that once it is rezoned, it cannot be used for anything other than the designated use without a another public hearing.

Elbridge Randall said he is against parcel #91.001-01-07 going commercial and if it does he is requesting there be a buffer of 900 ft from the Russell Turnpike Road for any mining. He also feels the commercial zone should only go as far as the county line near the existing gravel pit of Richard Randall.

More informal discussion was held between members of the audience and board members.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and Councilwoman Robinson to adjourn at 8:20 PM. All in favor. Motion passed.