

Present: Patty Chaffee – Chair; Alissa Bascom; Keith Weed; Richard Carter; Gabe Bailey; Bill Rescsanski; Alan Putnam (remote)

Alternates: Rosie Smith-Hull and Lenny Ostasiewski

Staff: Liz Emerson, and Kristan Patenaude (remote)

Patty Chaffee called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of minutes of 04/05/2022: Motion by Mr. Bailey to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Ms. Bascom.

- Amend line 73 to read “Lenny Ostasiewski”

7-0-0, motion approved.

Agenda Review: none

Applications:

Ms. Emerson stated that the Board will hear a lot line adjustment at its next meeting.

Continued Business: none

Administration: none

New Business: none

Communications:

1. Land Application of Biosolids

Ms. Chaffee explained that there has been discussion of biosolids in the area and how the Board could approach regulations for it. She would like to make sure this does not affect agricultural operations in Town.

Ms. Bascom stated that she understands that it is important to have a place to take waste outside the landfill, but she has a concern with bringing biosolids from outside Town into Town. The City of Nashua was looking for a contractor to take all biosolids out of the City. There is no way to know what is in these biosolids, as this is not regulated. These can be placed even within 10’ of a well. She questioned if the Town would like to do anything to keep it from coming in.

Ms. Chaffee stated that biosolids are not produced here because the water is chemically treated and discharged into the river. Any biosolids in Town must be brought in from somewhere.

Mr. Putnam noted that it is illegal to stockpile biosolids. Last he knew, these must be incorporated into the soils within 3-months.

Ms. Bascom stated that there is some stockpiled in Town currently. Ms. Emerson and the State Inspector looked at the parcel that currently has the biosolids stockpiled. The State inspector did not mention that there is a regulation that it must be incorporated into the soil within any amount of time. Ms. Emerson will look into this further.

Ms. Chaffee stated that this is too small of a Town to have this restrict agricultural options, in many cases. The level of biosolids the Town currently has is unknown, but it is already here. The Town does not want to increase the amount going into the ground, but it is unclear how many users there are today and how to regulate this. This may be a zoning issue to bring before the voters.

The Board agreed to have further discussion about this topic at a future meeting.

Ms. Emerson stated that Gilmanton put this before its voters to restrict and it has been rejected twice.

Mr. Rescsanski questioned if the Town has the authority to put restrictions on something like this. Ms. Emerson stated the State RSA's grant municipalities to be more restrictive than the State laws, but towns cannot be less restrictive. The State regulates Class A biosolids, and so the Town may be able to be more restrictive through certain options.

Ms. Emerson noted that 32 Hastings Court is officially an LLC, so they will be invited to come before the Board for a site plan application. If they do not come before the Board, the Town will file a cease and desist against them.

Ms. Chaffee stated that the Capital Improvements Committee is supposed to be meeting on the 19th, however, this meeting will likely be delayed. The next meeting will be held on June 16, 2022.

Ms. Chaffee swore in Lenny Ostasiewski.

Motion by Ms. Bascom to adjourn at 7:44pm, seconded by Mr. Weed.
All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristan Patenaude
Recording Secretary