

Note to Florence Priscoe by Howard Schuman:

About last night's public hearing for the wetlands ordinance.

I would just like to share this with you and rest of the Board.

The number one priority item on the comprehensive plan survey was "Protect water supplies and aquifers"

There were 494 people who strongly agreed with this and 112 people who agreed, for a total of 606 out of a possible 613 responses to this question. 98.9% of the people filling out the survey were in favor of this being done as part of the town's future. It is more commonly endorsed than any other item. This has been confirmed at all three widely attended comprehensive plan public meetings.

The comprehensive plan survey was not available in 2000 when a similar group of property owners, excavators and contractors expressed extreme concerns at a public hearing and caused the ordinance to be tabled.

I believe now in 2010 we have a clearer picture of how the town in general feels about this ordinance.

This is my unofficial count of the "for" and "against" groups at last night's meeting. I may have missed some. I am only counting residents, not the two people working for Rob Dyson. In attendance there were 8 people who supported the ordinance's adoption, and 10 who either did not or had a particular concern.

These are the people who spoke in support.

Howard Schuman
Bill Schlesinger
Barbara Orbach
Jeffery Giardina
John Askildsen

The following did not speak but were in favor of the ordinance.

Mel Ohrbach
Mary Rose Giardina
Tony Sloan

These are the people who either spoke against the ordinance or who had very specific concerns about how a part of the ordinance would affect them.

Rob Dyson

Henry Van Tassel

Bob Campbell

Tom Barger

Nick Galente

Greg Loubel (sp) contractor concerned about DEC permits

Unknown person concerned about painting his house because he was near a pond

Skip Ciferri

Dirk Rossi

Mr. Rossi, Senior (?)

Howard Schuman”