

Griffin's Dairy Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2016

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 PM. Present were; Richard Donovan, William Kendall, Carolyn Bates, and Lurane Ryerson.

The minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting were read and approved, with a motion by Lurane and a second by Bill.

It was noted that there remains a vacancy on the committee which, to date, has not been filled. Action will be taken to rectify this.

Discussion ensued concerning the proposal to use a portion of the uplands area for youth sports, ie. Soccer and Lacrosse. This will entail an amendment to the order of conditions at Griffin's Dairy by the Abington Conservation Commission.

The committee has several concerns, which include:

1. The impact on the neighbors
2. The impact on the existing wells
3. The proximity to the Community Gardens
4. The impact on the wetlands areas
5. Existing streams remaining clogged
6. The time allotment in years; (temporary) no longer than 3 years
7. The space needed; 4 acres out approximately 32 acres.

Also noted;

1. Any streams cannot be covered or filled in
2. Parking- the amount of space needed, and as above mentioned, the impact on the neighbors and the existing wells from vehicles.
3. Impact of traffic to both the neighbors and to the Farmers' Market
4. Use of biodegradable and organic marking materials
5. Youth Soccer and Lacrosse are not municipal groups

The clerk was advised to write a letter to the Conservation Commission, with copies to the Board of Selectmen listing this committee's concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM with a motion by Bill and a second by Lurane. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn C. Bates, clerk