

**KENSINGTON PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF KENSINGTON, N.H.
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2014
7:30 PM
WORK SESSION-DRAFT**

In Attendance: Peter Merrill, Chairman; Joan Whitney; Bob Solomon

Guests: Julie LaBranche, Rockingham Planning Commission; Robert Gustafson, Emergency Management/Conservation Commission; Janet Bunnell, Zoning Board

The work session started at 7:39pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rockingham Planning Commission Presentation on Seabrook Route 107 Land Use and Resource Protection Project
Julie LaBranche Presenting

Julie LaBranche showed the board the maps that indicated the aquifer in Kensington and the map of the Seabrook area well head protection area. Mrs. LaBranche pointed out that Kensington has three different drainage areas, Seabrook, Hampton Falls, and Exeter River. Peter expressed that the concern is that our aquifer drains towards 107. Mrs. LaBranche expressed that the water body is draining but the aquifer isn't, but it does feed the base flow of the river. Bob Gustafson explained that the Pow Wow River is also part of the drainage area. Joan asked if aquifers have names and Mrs. LaBranche will look into that.

Bob asked about the impact on the Kensington wells; Mr. Gustafson explained that when the Seabrook Station was built the wells were impacted greatly. Peter asked if anyone was keeping track of the water usage. Mrs. LaBranche explained that if they were drawing off of the Seabrook water supply there will be record of that somewhere. She will confirm with Don Hawkins.

Mr. Gustafson asked about the wells in the area when the Exeter dam is taken down. With the water being held back the wells are able to be replenished and now the water will go faster and dry up the wetlands around it impacting the local wells.

Peter asked about how far the sewer and water goes down 107. Mrs. LaBranche is not sure of the sewer but the water goes to the water treatment plant. The draft aquifer protection for Seabrook was not available; it is still in the draft phase.

Seabrook is working with RPC to draft the aquifer protection district and storm water management.

The current grant will expire at the end of June 2014. Seabrook is looking to extend the aquifer protection from Route 1 down the 107 corridor all the way to the Kensington border. They have not decided how wide it will be but on route one it will be the width of the zoning district which is 800 feet on each side of Route 1. Mrs. LaBranche clarified that it will encompass everything west of 95 all the way to the Kensington boarder.

The board went through the Draft for discussion that Mrs. LaBranche passed out.

- Prohibited high risk/pollution uses
- Storm Water Management from the DES manual on Alteration of Terrain
- Impervious cover stipulations
- Low Salt Area in the proposed Aquifer District
- Precipitation data
- Gray water capture and use
- Pervious materials
- Implementation of Aquifer Protection District

- Identify benefits of implementing the Aquifer Protection District

Mrs. LaBranche indicated that there will be a lot of education about the Aquifer Protection and it will be posted on the website and throughout town. Seabrook is looking to produce a protection district much like Kensington's current one. Bob asked if Seabrook is looking for other water sources besides Kensington's Aquifer. Mrs. LaBranche explained that they are talking with Hampton Falls.

There is a gravel pit in South Hampton that was never fully stabilized and they are working on that. Seabrook is looking to work with the Gun Club in Seabrook to potentially have the bullets shot into a collection unit. The issues with the shooting area, and gravel pit are being discussed.

The board raised the question that there will be a lot of traffic and avoidance traffic coming through Kensington with the new development in Seabrook. They were hoping that limiting the square footage of the buildings would help with the traffic issues. There are lots of ideas about traffic controls on the table for discussion.

Revising the traffic standards to their site plan regulations will help as well.

Peter asked about Seabrook potentially extending their water and sewer into Kensington. That will be looked into.

The board thanked Julie LaBranche for the presentation and meeting with the members present.

**The members present looked over the KLCT plan and the Underwood Plans.
Peter signed both plans.**

Work session ended at 9:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen T Felch, Planning Board Clerk