

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING RE: WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES
JUNE 17, 2009
MINUTES

PRESENT: Paul Formica, Robert Kleinhans, Pam Rowe, Rose Ann Hardy, Jack Hogan.

EXCUSED: Rob Wilson.

Mr. Formica called the Public Hearing to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the Pledge. He said that this hearing was an opportunity for the public to speak on the proposed conservation measures. These conservation measures are necessary to help mitigate the seasonal shortfall and the stream flow restrictions and that we revisit conservation measures each summer. He added that for the past twelve months, the Water and Sewer Commission has worked hard to mitigate the shortfall of water by adding two replacement wells (2A and 3B) with an increased production of 200,000 gallons per day and we have begun the process of interconnecting our water with surrounding towns which will serve our long term water needs. He said that the Department of Public Health has allowed us to use wells on Darrow Pond from July 1st to Labor Day which will bring an additional 150,000 gallons per day.

Mike Shultz of Lovers Lane inquired if there were any exceptions to the water restrictions for an emergency?

Mr. Formica responded health and safety concerns would override the restrictions.

John Drabik of 18 Drabik Road said that he did not mind the restrictions as long as they were applied equitably. He said in 1965, the Town overextended our water system and he considers this ordinance as the town's way of covering up poor management by the water department.

Hearing no other comments, Mr. Formica closed the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene C. Stevens, Recording Secretary