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WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA

September 23, 2013 7:30P.M. 272 Main Street Townsend MA 01469

SELECTMEN'S CHAMBERS

THERE WAS NO QUORUM OF THE MEETING.

Report of Attendance by Niles Busler and Paul Rafuse at the Planning Board meeting for discussion of Subdivision lawn By-law/regulation. 9-23-2013 7:40 PM

Superintendent Rafuse provided a packet of information for the Planning Board (that I forgot to give them until the discussion was over).

Discussion item: PB Chair Peduzzi cited the reason we were all there was to discuss if the current subdivision By-laws should be modified to include a means of slowing water penetration on lawns, thus saving costly water and chemical applications.

The discussion included input from PB members who have lived in other areas of the country, including one from Colorado. Apparently the residents there don't own their sprinkler systems, they are owned and operated/regulated by the local government. Everyone agreed, it's nice we aren't there yet. One member of the PB shared Fran McNamara's ardent disdain for over regulation, but was ok with the final conclusion. Following a long discussion, of the pros and cons of such regulation, methods of accomplishment, and possible reasons to enact such regulation, PB decided to include a change in the current By-law citing "good conservation of resources".

Respectfully Submitted,
Niles Busler

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I. PRELIMINARIES:

- 1.1 Call the meeting to order.
- 1.2 Roll call.
- 1.3 Chairman's additions or deletions.

II. APPOINTMENTS:

- 2.1 7:45PM Joint meeting with the Planning Board; RE: Subdivision By-laws/Regulations

III. ADJOURNMENT: