City of Afton

Natural Resources and Groundwater Committee (NRGC)

Agenda
Wednesday, August 17, 2016
6:30 PM

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Approval of Agenda**

4. **Approval of minutes from July 20th**

5. **Business**
   - **A.** Well testing Update
   - **B.** Comprehensive Plan Update: Environmental Resources Plan section - review and provide feedback on updates or revisions needed
   - **C.** Natural Resources and Groundwater Management Organizations updates
   - **D.** General Resource and groundwater information sharing

6. **Adjournment**

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Minutes (unapproved)
Wednesday, July 20, 2016
6:30 PM

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call:** Present were Jill, Annie (part of the time), Mark, Keith, Susan, the Mayor
Absent were Jack, Perry.

3. **Agenda** approved without changes.

4. **June 15, 2016 minutes:** Mark moved to approve;
Keith seconded

5. **Business**

A. NRGC secretary replacement: Susan, Annie, Mark and Keith agreed to rotate secretary duties.

B. **Update on septic system compliance inspection recommendation** to City Council:
City Council concerned about redundant inspections, first from relatively low remodeling threshold ($50K), and again the following year when selling the property. Dewey suggested $100K trigger; CC tabled for reconsideration.

C. Well testing update: approved by City Council to proceed?
Yes, proceed, due to $1,500 line item in Afton city budget, mayor says.

* Phase 1 logistics all set up, Keith says, except question of how people will contact the committee. After discussion, mayor suggested that having citizens call city hall is most appropriate way for people to signal interest.
*County needs 2 weeks' notification before it begins. There are two water test drop off sites: IGH and Stillwater.
*Question of how accurate public well data is? Mark assumes it is accurate.
*September city newsletter will inform citizens about the well testing program..
*Past water testing: there were designated drop off times at City Hall, Pat Snyder told the mayor.
Other details from Pat Snyder about how it was done in the past: Pat got the list and supplied it to Washington County; it prepared kits and sent them to Afton City Hall. She gave list to city staff they prepared labels and mailed kits to residents. Pat has list of who participated in the past.
*Mayor: We may want future commitment to track data over time.

*Keith will contact Pat and see what she would do differently

D. Homebuyers don't receive well water quality data—Keith raised concern about this. Concluded that related tracking and paperwork is prohibitive to require this given Afton resources and staff.
We can revisit the issue after seeing the new well data.

E. Comprehensive plan Environmental Resource portion update—Committee needs to select a few key parts and suggest updates next meeting.

*Focus on Conservancy overlay district: impose more specific standards?
Or put other standards in that would trigger ordinance changes.
*Reminder of the density standard average of 1 per 10 acres; that effectively limits the development rights once that threshold is reached, keep in mind. How this average is calculated has been debated.
*Focus on policies at the end of Environmental Resources Plan section -
they are the teeth of it. We will, focus on #8 cause committee's already working on that, put teeth in it.
*Preliminary overarching statement deemed to be vague and verbose, Mark submitted condensed version.

F. **Natural Resources and Groundwater Management Organizations updates:** Mark had submitted watershed summary earlier. Nothing from Wash Co. SWCD, Susan says. Keith shared website showing DNR map of required buffers going forward (see separate correspondence).

General Resource and groundwater information sharing: none

6. **Adjourn**

VBWD notes are for the NRGC committee. For the Wednesday, July 20th.

1. VBWD granted a permit for work to be done at the ISWEM Islamic Center.
2. Removal of the beaver dam and downed trees on Shari Johnson property has been completed.
3. Nine of the ten residents who had their septic systems inspected in the Kelle's Creek watershed have applied for reimbursement of inspection costs. Ones who need to upgrade their systems will have 90 days to upgrade if there is immenent danger to the public; immenent danger does not exist, therefore, a longer grace period will most likely be granted by the county.
4. Bids were finalized and ravine stabilization work on Darlene Moynagh's property, located at 30th and Trading Post is set to begin.

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