

**BOVINA PLANNING BOARD
MARCH 15, 2010
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

RESOLUTIONS: 2010-14 - 2010-15

BOARD MEMBERS: Roberta Burgin, Tom Hilson, Ed Weber: Chair, and Carrie Hewitt Choquette: Planning Board Clerk

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS: Ann Bonné & Chris Ingvordsen,

GUESTS: Kent Manuel: Del. Co. Planning Dept. Rep., Cathie Hewitt & Mark Rossley: Zoning Board of Appeals and Gale Neale: Del. Co. Soil & Water District (SWCD)

Regular meeting called to order by temporary chairperson Ed Weber at 7:40 pm.

West and East Branch of the Delaware River Stream Corridor Management Plan

Ed Weber asked Gale Neale his questions on where the extra funding for projects comes from and if the Town is going to be held to spending more money on their projects because they are involved with this plan. Neale said that if the SWCD designs the project, they will try to find funding for the extra costs and there are many funding options available. If there is no funding available to the Town, SWCD's design doesn't have to be used. SWCD will still help the Town get any permits they need for that project. The Town's day-to-day operations will not be effected just because they signed this agreement, even if a permit is required. SWCD won't come to the Town and say they are required to do something. The Town can go to them or they will come to the Town with a project and ask if that area is a problem. If the Town doesn't think something is a problem and SWCD does, then they can fix it on their own. Roberta Burgin asked what could make a culvert replacement more expensive other than the culvert size? Neale said that the Town might just replace it in-kind; where SWCD may want to reinforce stream banks, move streams, etc.

Neale will be coming back to the Board in the coming months to talk about funding grants. SWCD has about 500K per year to spend or the City takes it back. Private landowners in the Town have to bring their project to the Town Board for sponsorship to be able to apply for these grants. The Town can deny a project. If the Town doesn't sign on to this Plan, then no private landowners in the Town can receive help under the plan. The Town should apply for funding for every project they would like to do. Some may get turned down (SWCD has a month to approve or deny a grant application), but they can be applied for again. The Town, or Private Landowner if a private project, pays a percentage of the total project cost. Neale will have examples of type of projects that will qualify when he comes back to the Board. SWCD can also help develop programs to teach the public on stream management & other water topics. SWCD will also help with grant writing and has a list of how to get points to get grants.

2010-14 - Motion to recommend the Town sign on to the West and East Branch of the Delaware River Stream Corridor Management Plan was moved by Hilson and seconded by Burgin. All in favor, 3 ayes, 0 nays.

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2010-15 - Motion to accept the February 2010 minutes as written was moved by Burgin and seconded by Hilson. All in favor, 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Outdoor Wood Furnaces

There was discussion on regulating outdoor wood furnaces. The State has no regulations on them yet. Creating and enforcing regulations would be tough, especially on existing ones. Does the Town Board want to pay someone to enforce them? If someone builds a building around their furnace is it still an outdoor furnace? Some things that could be in the regulations are: calendar of operation, what you can burn, and stack height. There most likely would need to be two sets of regulations to alleviate some of the nuisance of them for the Hamlet & the General Rural districts, if not banning them in the Hamlet. Burgin has a hard time telling someone they can't have a certain type of heat, especially in these economic times. The Board will send a letter to the Town asking what they are looking for in terms of regulations, banning and enforcement.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Carrie Hewitt Choquette,
Planning Board Clerk