

Landfill

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of the story and because it is important to me to see and listen and try to understand all issues."

"There was nothing new in what I heard from their (the NECC) technical agents because they have given us presentations earlier. The people had concerns and their team had refinements of things that were new," Sullivan said.

He also said that "the town finally was getting results of well samples and they were all on board for the next step" of retesting the wells. He was referring to the reports that state-ordered tests found that the water in four out of 16 wells contained contaminants.

Wells were retested last week and officials were awaiting the new round of results.

Meanwhile, homeowners of the four properties with affected wells were told to not drink, cook, or bathe with the contaminated water.

Sullivan reported that he talked with Town Administrator Bruce Keiser at the March 5 forum, and the DEM director said Keiser is "helping to focus on what to do next."

"DEM is obligated by law... to assess the mission of the town" in overseeing the closure of the landfill, Sullivan noted.

The Jamestown Press last week reported that his staff had suggested that the state evaluation of the latest plans for the landfill, with the town highway barn construction, would be ready by mid-March. However, the staff said there was a misunderstanding

about the timetable and more time was needed to analyze all aspects of the project.

Sullivan also said more time was needed to consider all that was necessary. "We are expending a lot of careful time, with as much staff as possible assessing the plan. We will do a good job and assure the safety within all things in our jurisdiction. We do not have a construction prohibition authority but we can offer direction on technical issues that need to be addressed. We do have the authority to describe what must happen if the Town Council chooses" to build the highway barn.

Sullivan pointed out that if landfill substances need to be excavated for construction purposes, they must be removed from the site. He also noted that water for the barn could not be piped through the landfill debris, as proposed, because that clearly was against the rules.

He said flows from the proposed barn's floor drains have to be defined in terms of how and where they would go, and there could be limits on how that would be allowed.

He could not yet project how long the review of the project will take, Sullivan said. It would be done as soon as possible, he added. As with all public programs, all people are privy to all the exchanges, he said.

"The one thing I can tell you is that my staff is committed to a thoughtful, competent, and professional review of the town's proposal" as presented by GZA Environmental of Norwood,

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chase because funds had been set aside for that purpose.

Budget Committee Chairman Chris Brown reported that the budget is "close to being finalized." Anderson suggested that funding for removal of abandoned mooring tackle be included in the budget. The commissioners briefly discussed the matter but made no decision. DeAngeli said the matter required more information concerning costs before it could be considered.

Anderson also said that he opposed the \$10,000 expenditure to fund the Hull Cove walkway. He felt that the commission generated its own funding, and the money should be reserved for the harbor and related facilities. DeAngeli noted that rights-of-way are the responsibility of the commission, but noted that the town should maintain them. He read the directive that said the commission should seek outside funding to build access paths and walkways. Conservation Commission liaison Tom Johnson said there were groups willing to contribute but did not specify who they were.

DeAngeli asked the commissioners to vote on taking the Hull Cove project out of this year's budget and send it back to the Facilities Committee for consideration in the five-year plan. The motion was approved by 4-0.

In other business, Chief Tighe suggested holding off on approving the mooring rates until the

budget was finished. DeAngeli motioned to give the Budget Committee permission to approve the rates for this year at the next budget meeting if they did not change. Otherwise, the matter would require a place on the agenda at the next commission meeting. The commissioners voted 4-0 for approval.

The harbor commission accepted the following state Coastal Resources Management Council Public Notices for Review:

- Application of Carl Schweinschaut to construct a residential boating facility consisting of a 4-by 198-foot fixed timber pier with a 4- by 20-foot fixed access platform at 400 East Shore Rd.

- Application of Stephanie Basile to construct a residential boating facility consisting of a 4-by 244-foot fixed timber pier with a 4- by 20-foot lower access platform at 28 Coulter St.

- Application of Candice Noll

to construct a residential boating facility consisting of a 4- by 211-foot fixed timber pier with a 4-foot by 20-foot fixed lower access platform at 256 East Shore Rd.

- Application of Stephen Mecca to construct a residential boating facility consisting of a 4-by 200-foot fixed timber pier with a 4- by 20-foot fixed lower access platform at 5 Aquidneck Court.

- Application of Robert Halstead to construct a residential boating facility consisting of a 4-by 202-foot fixed timber pier with a 3- by 25-foot ramp, a 10- by 15-foot float, and two tie-off piles incorporating a boat lift at 1151 North Main Rd.

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