TOWN OF DENMARK, MAINE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE LARGE SCALE PUMPING OR EXTRACTION OF GROUNDWATER, SPRINGWATER AND/OR WATER FROM AQUIFERS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DENMARK, MAINE

JUNE 26, 2024, 6:00 PM TOWN OFFICE MEETING ROOM

The Denmark Water Review Committee will be holding a Public Hearing to present their proposed amendments to the Water Extraction Ordinance. These proposed amendments will be submitted to the Select Board for consideration to accept or to further amend prior to adoption.

Space is limited, therefore preference will be given to voting residents, non-voting residents and then general public.

A summary of the proposed amendments are listed below. A copy of the entire ordinance, including all proposed amendments may be viewed on the Town's website or at the Town Office.

- Included more detailed requirements during the permit application/reapplication process (i.e. financial assurance, hydrogeological investigation, monitoring plan)
- Amendments were made to the Application Process which includes the timing of submittals, public hearings, and decision.
- The Town's Technical Agent (i.e. Geologist) will review all documentation, data, reports, applications, etc... submitted by an applicant/permittee and provide their professional opinion to assist the Select Board in their decisions
- Details how Alert and Action Levels must be developed, regularly reviewed and notification requirements by the permittee when these levels are met or exceeded have been added. Specifics regarding Remedial actions by the permittee or cessation of activities are also included.
- Additional Performance standards were added, including Periodic Assessment, Data Collection and Reporting, Surveying and Flow Map/Netting.
- Performance Guarantee requirements were added, in the form of a surety bond which covers the scope of restoration, replacement and reclamation.
- Transfer of Ownership section was added, including notification requirements, document submittal and Select Board approval.