

AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY

The Connecticut General Statutes empower the Aquifer Protection Agency to regulate land uses within designated aquifer protection areas to protect public drinking water. In Old Saybrook, there is the aquifer protection area surrounding the Saybrook Well, as well as a portion of the aquifer protection area surrounding the Holbrook Well in Westbrook.

The Board of Selectmen appoints 3 at-large members and 3 alternate members for a 2-year term; participating commissions select representative members for a 2-year term each. The membership of the Agency is the same as those appointed to serve the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission. This year, we extend our gratefulness to Paul Smith and Kimberley Gallagher for their many years of volunteer service on the Agency.

During the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the Agency accepted one application to permit non-residential activities to ensure compliance with APA regulations, but the Agency determined that the uses were not regulated. The Agency registered an existing facility and permitted its uses to continue.

The Commission meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall, first floor conference room. Meryl Tsagronis of the Land Use Department supports us as our administrative clerk. Sandy Prisloe, Environmental Planner, who conducts our enforcement activities, is available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon in the Land Use Department of the Town Hall to assist with applications and to answer questions concerning land use in Old Saybrook.

Judy Preston, *Chairperson*