

WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PO Box 970
Shelter Island, NY 11964

MINUTES OF MEETING
May 11, 2009

Members Present: Chairman John Hallman, William Anderson, Hoot Sherman, Town Liaison:
Councilman Glenn Waddington

Members Excused: Walter Richards

The meeting opened at 7:30 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 8, 2009.**

The minutes from March 9, 2009, were approved.

New Business:

Suffolk County Fertilizer Regulations:

Chairman Hallman reported that after checking several concerns that sell fertilizer, including the SI Hardware Store and Loews, he noted that they have not been advised to post signs regarding the new government regulations.

March 14, 2009 Symposium:

Chairman Hallman reported that approximately 25-30 people attended the Symposium. He further reported that although Tamsen Yeh submitted the course outline to the DEC, unfortunately they did not respond in a timely fashion, and the course was not approved for credit. Councilman Waddington added that Tamsen announced that at the start of the program. Chairman Hallman noted that some people were disappointed and did leave after the coffee break.

Chairman Hallman indicated that he will send a letter of gratitude and critique of the Symposium to Tamsen Yeh. He also suggested that it would be appropriate for the Town Board to make a \$250 donation to Cornell Cooperative, as they did last year, in gratitude for the services provided by Tamsen Yeh.

Chairman Hallman and the WAC expressed gratitude to the Committee's Clerk for preparation of the refreshments.

Chairman Hallman opined that the only way to encourage off-Island pesticide applicators to attend this symposium is to make it part of a mandatory requirement for everyone who wants to work on Shelter Island.

Councilman Waddington stated that the Supervisor is in favor of drafting local law for pesticide applicators who work on Shelter Island. He also stated that the Town Board will kick this idea around. Councilman Waddington stated that the Town should start small with the possibility of requiring a local license. Chairman Hallman noted that the April minutes state that the Supervisor indicated that he would be meeting and speaking with the Town Attorney regarding this matter.

Resignation of WAC Member:

Chairman Hallman reported that John D'Amato has resigned from the WAC. Councilman Waddington reported that applicants will be interviewed for the position next Tuesday.

Monitoring Well Information:

Chairman Hallman reported that after speaking with Irene Abbene, of the USGS, last week, he was informed that they had to monitor 2600 wells on Long Island this month and it takes a long time to record that information on line. He was also informed that 5 additional wells are being monitored on a monthly basis on Shelter Island; and he is now able to access that information. He noted that the USGS just started monitoring Little Ram Island, Dering Harbor, Hay Beach, Shorewood and the Heights. He noted that the well in Hay Beach is located right in the middle which is a great location. He noted that the Heights is located right along the golf course on New York Avenue, and the one in Shorewood is right in the middle of Shorewood.

Chairman Hallman reported that the USGS is concerned about testing the well in Mashomack due to the risk of contacting a tick borne illness, and also lack of access to the well during hunting season.

Discussion of Water Levels:

The WAC reviewed and discussed the spreadsheet that was prepared by Chairman Hallman, with the addition of the following figures for the end of April: Manhasset is up about 4%, Rocky Point is up 16%; Big Ram Island average is 1.59, with actual reading of 1.35, which is down 15%; Manwaring average is 5.01, with an actual reading of 5.20, which is up 6%; Congdon average is 6.23, with an actual reading of 6.60, which is up 4%; Brander/Lilliput average is 2.20, with an actual reading of 2.30, which is up 5%; Menantic average of 1.75, with an actual reading of 1.34, which is down 23%; Deer Park Lane average is 3.91, with an actual reading of 3.97, which is up 2%; Hay Beach average is 2.64, with an actual reading of 2.62; Shelter Island Heights average is 6.90, with an actual reading of 7.24, which is up 5%; Shorewood average is 1.84, with an actual reading of 1.71, which is down 7%. Chairman Hallman stated that with this information we can see very quickly where there may be problems.

Installation of New Well:

Chairman Hallman reported that USGS will install the new well in Silver Beach possibly in June or July.

Water Quality Testing:

Chairman Hallman reported that he plans to call Ron Paulson of the SCHD to discuss having the County test for water quality.

24 Hour Monitoring of a well:

Chairman Hallman reported that the USGS offers a 24 hour well monitoring program that they can do for the cost of \$6,000 per year.

New Business:

WAC Membership:

Chairman Hallman reported that it has been determined that while the Supervisor is always welcome to attend the WAC meetings, he is not an official member of the WAC; and that the WAC consists of 5 members.

Geothermal Wells:

Councilman Waddington reported that the Town Board is still reviewing their options regarding the existing Geothermal wells on Shelter Island.

Meeting adjourned 8:23 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle LiCausi
Clerk to the Committees

