

WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Shelter Island, NY 11964

MINUTES OF MEETING
December 14, 2009

Members Present: Chairman John Hallman, Hoot Sherman, Walter Richards
Town Liaison: Councilman Glenn Waddington
Members Excused: William Anderson, James Dawson

The meeting opened at 7:30 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 11, 2009.**

The minutes from September 14, 2009, were approved.

New Business:

Monitoring Well Information:

Chairman Hallman reported that the USGS well monitoring information shows that most of the monitored wells are up about a foot above the readings for November 2008. He reported that the only well that did not look that great was Little Ram.

Water Quality Testing:

Chairman Hallman further reported that the SCHD are now quality testing 6 wells on Shelter Island.

Chairman Hallman reported that he had conversations with Vincent Palmer of the SCHD, who is considering forming a Pesticide Task Force and asked Mr. Hallman if he would be interested in becoming a member.

Chairman Hallman reported that he responded to a complaint of foul smelling water, which SCHD tested and found MTBE. He advised the owner to contact the DEC, who installed a filter system, and have left markings for possible test wells in the vicinity. He further reported that there are no underground tanks in that area.

Councilman Waddington suggested the Town consider testing two or three wells for MTBE and all 150 elements that the USGS tests for, and asked the WAC to recommend which wells should be tested. Member Sherman suggested that they test for MTBE and Premethrin.

March Seminar:

Chairman Hallman opined that until we have the authority to monitor the pesticide applicators, the seminar is a waste of money, as most of the off-island applicators do not attend.

Councilman Waddington reported that Supervisor Dougherty was advised by Vinny Palmer that this issue is not the responsibility of the Town, but rather the DEC.

Councilman Waddington reported that the Comprehensive Plan Committee is now focusing on water issues and is recommending the Town sanction a water symposium, and he asked the WAC to consider incorporating their educational efforts along with the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

2010 Scheduled Meeting Dates:

The WAC reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2010 and Member Sherman motioned to approve them, Member Richards second the motion, all in favor.

4-Poster Program:

Councilman Waddington reported that Cornell has found a decrease in ticks from the drags being performed on Shelter Island, but the scientific data has not yet been released.

Chairman Hallman reported that many of the regular hunters are no longer hunting because they no longer wish to eat the meat, which they feel may be contaminated.

Member Richards reported that the Nuisance Hunt has been very successful, and the meat that is available to the community is being utilized.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle LiCausi
Clerk to the Committees

