

WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PO Box 970
Shelter Island, NY 11964

MINUTES OF MEETING
January 11, 2010

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

The meeting opened at 7:30 PM

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

The minutes from December 14, 2009, were approved as revised.

New Business:

Member Attendance:

Chairman Hallman noted that Mr. Dawson is not present for this meeting, which totals 4 meetings in a row that he has not attended since being appointed on June 19, 2009. Chairman Hallman motion to notify the Town Board of Mr. Dawson's lack of attendance and recommend they appoint another member to the WAC. Councilman Waddington indicated that he would report this to the Town Board at tomorrow's Town Board meeting.

Monitoring Well Information:

Chairman Hallman apologized that he did not have the USGS well monitoring updates tonight, but noted that last month's report showed that most of the wells were up. He opined that we should be in good shape at this time.

Water Quality Testing:

Chairman Hallman reported that he intends to ask Ron Paulsen to test for Premethrin and MTBE for some monitoring wells, but has not spoken to him yet, as they have missed each others calls.

Councilman Waddington reported that his conversations with Mr. Palmer included concerns that pesticides may be finding their way into the aquifer, and also MTBE. He further reported that Mr. Palmer offered to pull together a symposium to address Shelter Island's specific water situation. Councilman Waddington indicated that he will inform the WAC when this will be scheduled.

Councilman Waddington reported that Mr. Palmer does not support the suggestion that the Town of Shelter Island regulate pesticide applicators. Councilman Waddington explained that the Town Board would like to be advised of the quantities and locations of pesticides being deposited on Shelter Island. He reported that Mr. Palmer stated that the information is available by zip code, and can be broken down to be understood by the layman.

Councilman Waddington stated that SCHD will test a homeowner's water for the fee of \$100, and that information may or may not be available to the Town. Chairman Hallman indicated that he will ask Ron Paulsen if this information is available, when he speaks with him. The WAC discussed the value of being able to compare well testing results across Shelter Island. Councilman Waddington suggested that the Town might consider paying the \$100 fee to SCHD to test the wells of homeowners who would be willing to share the results with the Town.

Chairman Hallman stated that he would like the results of the monitoring well tests to be sent to him, rather than the Town Clerk or wherever they are now being sent, so that the WAC could review them.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle LiCausi
Clerk to the Committees