

WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PO Box 970
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MINUTES OF MEETING
March 8, 2010

Members Present: Chairman John Hallman, Walter Richards, William Anderson, Ken Pysher,
Town Liaison: Councilman Glenn Waddington

Members Excused: Hoot Sherman

The meeting opened at 7:30 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 12, 2009.**

The minutes from January 11, 2010, were approved.

New Business:

Chairman Hallman and the WAC officially welcomed new member Ken Pysher.

Monitoring Well Information:

Chairman Hallman distributed the print outs of the USGS well monitoring updates and noted that things look better, and he does not expect any problems because of all the snow and rain we have had. He opined that we are in good shape at this time.

SI Reporter Advertisement:

Member Richards reported that the WAC and the SI School Nurse plan to advertise a quarter page size ad in the SI Reporter announcing a Prescription Drop-Off Day scheduled for March 19, 2010, when everyone can dispose of all unused prescription drugs at the School Nurse's Office, the Police Department or the Senior Center. He further reported that he will be making an educational presentation at the SI School that evening, and will also be available at the Police Department on Saturday, March 20, 2010, for anyone who was unable to attend on March 19, 2010. He also indicated that he will be posting signs to announce the event.

Chairman Hallman noted that the WAC placed two ads in the SI Reporter last year, one for Memorial Day weekend and one for July 4th weekend. The WAC agreed that the same should be done this year.

Environmental Fair:

Chairman Hallman distributed copies of a letter received from Supervisor Dougherty requesting that all Boards and Committees prepare a presentation for an Environmental Fair scheduled for May 1, 2010, and submit their selected topic to the Town Board by March 19, 2010.

The WAC reviewed and discussed whether they should invite Ron Paulson to speak at the Fair, and agreed that it depends on what facilities will be available, as a classroom would be more conducive to a

presentation than a booth would. Councilman Waddington indicated that the Town Board will be discussing the details and location of the Fair at the next work session; and he promised to inform the WAC of the outcome. The WAC agreed that even if Ron Paulson did not attend the Fair, he may have materials that would be helpful.

Chairman Hallman indicated that he would call Ron Paulson and invite him to attend the April WAC meeting, and possibly invite him to attend the May 1 Environmental Fair, pending the information regarding the available facilities.

Member Pysher reported that he compiled some educational information to hand out to new residents in the Silver Beach area, regarding conservation of water, and an overview of the Silver Beach aquifer. He volunteered to e-mail that information to Chairman Hallman. The WAC exchanged e-mail information with Member Pysher.

Fertilizer:

Councilman Waddington opined that the last WAC sponsored Fertilizer Seminar was extremely interesting and educational. Chairman Hallman stated that the WAC has been pushing slow-release fertilizer, and the County is supposed to be monitoring the sale of slow-release fertilizer, which he does not believe is being done.

EPA Registration Number:

The WAC reviewed and discussed the EPA Registration Numbers listed on all pesticides. Member Richards said that the EPA numbers are the product numbers, and every trade name has their own EPA number for their product. He noted that if your equipment is calibrated properly, you will use the absolute minimal amount of product. He explained that Gardiners Bay Country Club treats 80 acres with a crabgrass pre-emergent, and also spray their greens once a week, as well as, treating all the fairways once a week with growth regulator. The WAC agreed that the test wells in that area should be checked for pesticides. Member Pysher volunteered to check the web in an effort to match the EPA numbers with product names.

O'Shea Property:

Chairman Hallman reported that he read in the SI Reporter that the Town Board put a restriction of 24 gallons per minute on the O'Shea well to reduce the draw on the sensitive aquifer. He noted that 24 gallons per minute is way too much water, and voiced his disappointment that the Town Board did not ask the WAC for a recommendation. The WAC agreed that 20 gallons per minute is a lot of water and would have been plenty. Councilman Waddington, as liaison to the WAC, apologized for the oversight and indicated that he will seek recommendation from the WAC regarding similar matters in the future.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle LiCausi
Clerk to the Committees

