

WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES OF MEETING
January 12, 2015

Members Present: Chairman John Hallman, William Anderson, Ken Pysher
Members Excused: Hoot Sherman, Peter Grand, Town Liaison Supervisor Dougherty

The meeting opened at 7:32 PM

Minutes of September 8, 2014 were approved.
Minutes of October 22, 2014 were approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:30PM.**

New Business:

USGS:

Chairman Hallman reported that he left a message for the Supervisor regarding the meeting with USGS and the possibility of water quality testing, but due to some confusion with messages, has not yet spoken with the Supervisor.

He further reported that he has not yet received a written quote for the possible addition of water quality testing from USGS. He indicated that he will e-mail Ron or Irene to inquire what is causing the delay.

Monitoring Well Information:

Member Pysher reported that all well levels are up. He noted that Menantic Road/Evans is at the highest ever level at 2.26 feet. He further noted that only 2 wells are lower than their December averages: Hay Beach and Manwaring Road Route 114.

Rainfall for 2014:

Member Pysher reported that he measured 6.89” of rain in the Silver Beach area, while Chairman Hallman measured 7.13” of rain in the Center for the month of December.

Chairman Hallman reported that the total rainfall for the year in the Center is just over 44”.

Water Quality:

Member Pysher stated that if the Town chooses to spend money for water quality testing, he feels that the Center should be the place of focus. He said that the concern in Silver Beach is the salt intrusion. Chairman Hallman reported that chloride levels in a few wells he tested in the Silver Beach area are in the 600-700 level. He said that the SCHED standard is anything above 250.

2015 Scheduled Meeting Dates:

WAC reviewed and unanimously approved the following scheduled meeting dates for 2015: 2/9/15, 3/9/15, 4/13/15, 5/11/15, 6/8/15, 7/13/15, 8/10/15, 9/14/15, 11/9/5, 12/14/15. Member Pyscher motioned to approve the 2015 scheduled meeting dates; Member Andersen seconds the motion, all in favor.

Chairman Hallman suggested that as the WAC doesn't have too much to discuss in February, they should consider cancelling the February 9, 2015 meeting; and the WAC agreed to leave it scheduled in case something comes up that requires the attention of the WAC, but otherwise they agreed that it should be cancelled.

Old Business:

Memo to Town Board:

Chairman Hallman noted that the WAC has not yet received any response from the Town Board regarding the memo that was sent to them on September 9, 2014, requesting them to establish protocol for testing the quality of well water at various locations around the Island from wells that are being used by homeowners.

Irrigation Recommendations:

Chairman Hallman distributed copies of the proposed revisions to Chapter 82 Irrigation Regulations for review and comment. Chairman Hallman opined that in a way the new revisions are better, but he noted that he is still not in favor of irrigation. After careful review, the WAC generally agreed that the Town Board has tightened up the regulations a bit, which is an improvement. The WAC expressed concern about how the Town plans to monitor all these regulations.

The WAC agreed that irrigation should be banned, as they previously recommended to the Town Board.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle LiCausi
Clerk to the Committees