

WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PO Box 970
Shelter Island, NY 11964

MINUTES OF MEETING
April 13, 2015

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

The meeting opened at 7:30 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:30PM.**

New Business:

Monitoring Well Information:

Member Pysher reported that all wells trended up this month except for the Big Ram well, which was down an insignificant amount from previous readings. He noted that the Little Ram well attained its highest level ever for March. He further reported that the Congdon Road well was at its March average and 3 wells were above their average heights for March, and 8 wells were below their average March levels.

Old Business:

USGS:

The Supervisor reported that the USGS is scheduled to present to the series of options of water quality testing on Monday, April 20, 2015. He invited the WAC to join them in Town Hall at 1:00 p.m.

Member Sherman noted that the WAC sent a letter to the Town Board requesting permission to sample water quality at various locations on the Island, submitted by volunteers. He asked if the Town Board has ever discussed this request. He noted that the WAC could be monitoring the water quality at no expense to the Town.

Supervisor Dougherty stated that the Town Board has discussed this a few times and has been legally advised that this could be problematic.

Member Sherman stated that the monitoring wells that the USGS would be testing are stagnant wells, which are not being used.

Howard Johansen agreed with Member Sherman that testing wells that are not being used appears to be pointless.

New Business:

Future Mission of the WAC:

Supervisor Dougherty stated that the Town Board is interviewing for an irrigation intern at this time. He stated that the Town Board would like the WAC to thoroughly familiarize themselves with the newly adopted irrigation law and make recommendations to the Town Board.

The WAC agreed to carefully review the irrigation law.

Rising Sea Water Levels:

Member Pysher spoke about the serious implications of the anticipated sea level rise. He noted that serious problems for this Island will be created, and he suggested that they begin to review the implications and the ways to deal with them.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle LiCausi
Clerk to the Committees