

WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**PO Box 970
Shelter Island, NY 11964**

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 10, 2015

Members Present: Hoot Sherman, Peter Grand, Ken Pysher, William Anderson, Albert Dickson, BJ Ianfolla, Gregory Toner, Town Liaison Supervisor Dougherty

Others Present: Julie Lane, Paul Shepherd, Howard Johansen

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 10, 2015 at 7:30PM.**

June 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes were approved with an addition.

New Business:

Monitoring Well Information:

Member Pysher reported that 9 wells are down for the period between June 18 and July 16. He also reported that Big Ram, Menantic Road/Evans and Little Ram are slightly above their July average levels, with Little Ram recording its highest July level at .26 feet above its lowest July level. He further reported that Manhasset north of Cobbets, Rocky Point, Manwaring Road/Rt 114, Congdon Road/Ferry Road, Deer Park Lane, Dering Harbor Village, Hay Beach, SI Heights and Shorewood were all slightly below their July averages. He noted that Brander/Lilliput Lane is at its July average.

Old Business:

Green Fair:

Member Sherman reported that he has all the materials for the Green Fair, but he will be unable to attend the Fair and man the booth. Member Ianfolla volunteered to set up the booth and man it in the morning from 9AM through 11AM. Supervisor Dougherty reported that weather permitting, the Fair will be held outdoors this year. He noted that Member Ianfolla should contact Tim Purtell for help with setting up. Member Ianfolla confirmed that she will be the lead for the Green Fair WAC presentation.

Fresh Pond:

Member Grand led a discussion regarding the relationship between Fresh Pond and the aquifer, with other members expressing various opinions.

USGS Water Quality Proposal:

Member Sherman reported that he will be unable to attend the Town Board Work Session on August 18 and asked for volunteers to commit to attending. Member Grant indicated that he will plan to attend and also to introduce the USGS to the Town Board.

The WAC engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the various methods of water testing for chlorides and nitrates.

The WAC agreed that the water level monitoring should continue to be done by the USGS for \$13,500 annually.

Member Pysher opined that they should be able to understand where the saltwater interface levels are, so that they can plan and manage the Island's future for the next hundred years.

The WAC agreed that water quality monitoring should also be done by the USGS, as well as saltwater interface monitoring for approximately \$24,000 for the first year, and with the 20% grant, approximately \$12,000 for the final year.

The WAC agreed that they should make the recommendation to the Town Board to approve the USGS proposal in its entirety.

The WAC agreed that they should make this recommendation to the Town Board prior to the USGS presentation.

Member Sherman indicated that he would write up the recommendation to the Town Board for review and approval by the WAC.

New Business:

Letter to the Editor of the SI Reporter:

Member Sherman reported that Member Grand drafted a letter to the Editor of the SI Reporter, representing himself as a member of the WAC, which might be interpreted as the opinion of the entire WAC. The WAC generally agreed any reference to the WAC should be omitted from this letter to the Editor.

Irrigation Systems:

Member Ianfolla voiced concern that since June 9, 2015, 40 new irrigation systems have been grandfathered into the system. The WAC reviewed and discussed this issue and generally agreed that these irrigation systems are not new, but are the grandfathered systems that have been coming in to get their permits.

Member Toner expressed his desire to learn more about the Irrigation Permit processing procedure and indicated that he will be examining this in great detail.

Meeting adjourned 8:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle LiCausi
Clerk to the Committees