

WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES OF MEETING
February 10, 2014

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

The meeting opened at 7:40 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:30PM.**

The minutes from October 15, 2013, were approved.

The following WAC 2014 Scheduled Meeting Dates were approved: 3/10/14, 4/14/14, 5/12/14, 6/9/14, 7/14/14, 8/11/14, 9/8/14, 11/10/14 and 12/8/14.

New Business:

Monitoring Well Information:

Chairman Hallman reported that the wells are still down, with two wells still trending downward and a few starting to trend upwards. He opined that hopefully they will all be trending upwards in a few months.

Update on Irrigation Committee:

Chairman Hallman reported that he is trying to have an upbeat attitude with the Irrigation Committee but finds them to be all over the place. He reported that they are now attempting to learn about fertilizer. He stated that this Committee is trying to reinvent the wheel, with very limited knowledge.

He further reported that this Committee is attempting to postpone any decisions from being made, and has requested an extension from the Town Board to submit an initial report.

He reported that the Irrigation Committee Chairman has authorized the consultant to do sampling of the monitoring wells to test for salt and phosphates, although phosphates are found in the surface water, not in the drinking water. He noted that these monitoring wells are static because they are never pumped.

Chairman Hallman reported that they have requested Tamson Yeh from Cornell Cooperative to make a 90 minute presentation on Saturday, March 1, 2014.

He noted that they have learned about the new irrigation technology that is now available, but they also learned that this smart technology needs to be monitored and serviced regularly in order for it to function properly, which is very costly, and very difficult to ensure that people will comply.

Chairman Hallman opined that he feels the Irrigation Committee will eventually be recommending pages of requirements for irrigation systems, which will require another level of government and personnel to enforce them. The WAC voiced concerns about who will be paying for this additional layer of government.

The WAC agreed that enforcing the ban is still the wisest and most beneficial decision.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle LiCausi
Clerk to the Committees