

## **WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**PO Box 970  
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### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**October 20, 2015**

**Members Present:** Ken Pysher, Albert Dickson, BJ Ianfolla, Gregory Toner, Town Liaison- Supervisor Dougherty

**Members Excused:** Hoot Sherman, Peter Grand

The meeting opened at 7:31 PM

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

**September 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes were approved.**

#### **Monitoring Well Information:**

Member Pysher reported that 10 well levels went up and 3 wells (ManwaringRd./Route 114, Congdon Rd./Ferry Rd. and the Shelter Island Heights) went down over the past month. Only 6 wells are now below their October average levels and all 13 wells are above their October lowest levels. This is a positive trend. The trend line, running average, shows that none the wells are trending up over the last 5 years.

#### **Old Business:**

#### **USGS Water Quality Proposal:**

Member Pysher gave an overview of the proposal to the Town Board on Tuesday. Pysher spoke about water monitoring, salt water interface measurements and water quality in his presentation. He told the Town also that putting forth this proposal is a good first start. Nothing is concrete yet. Down the line we will negotiate with USGS. Pysher emphasized to the Board that it is a good investment on the importance of each of our aquifers, and also how new construction can impact our waters as well. Pysher opined on the value of the aquifer to the Board and the least expensive way to maintain our water supplies is by how we are doing it today, with each individual well, established by each resident. Member Pysher articulated to the WAC Committee the significance of the 2005 Water Study on Alternative Water Sources for Shelter Island that was done. The study states how we could get other sources of water to the Island and what the costs would be. Hook up costs and piping were not included in the study at that time.

Supervisor Dougherty strongly urged that at the eighth or ninth month mark, the WAC have USGS come in and give an educational session on our water quality. Pysher agreed, and also thought sooner maybe be better.

Member Peter Toner stated that in the future we could meet with the USGS to make some decisions of which wells and locations and also doing the TEDMs after the budget. Pysher said after the budget is set we will bring USGS in and get input on how we should approach this. First tell them our fixed numbers and take what we have left over and see how that will be divided up. Testing cost is very important, as well as, what are we are testing for and where. Supervisor Dougherty said we will know soon after the public hearing, and then the Town adopts the budget. Inviting Ron from USGS to our next meeting on November 9, 2015 was discussed.

### **Town WAC Budget Proposal:**

The Committee went over the 2016 Budget that was sent to the Town Board on September 4, 2015. The Budget includes clerk salary, equipment, o & m, USGS, for a grand total of \$42,136.

### **New Business:**

#### **Fragile Overlay Zone**

The committee went over the Fragile Zone Amendment Proposal that Laury Dowd, Chris Lewis and Peter Reich put together. Member Pysher read a letter from The Shelter Island Association that was sent to the Town Board in regards to new construction in fragile zones. The letter states that there does not appear to be sufficient restrictions in the Town Code to address these issues. The letter stressed that the Town Code needs to be reviewed and new guidelines be put in place to preserve areas in the fragile zone.

The Fragile Overlay Zone Amendment was reviewed and discussed at length. BJ and Jeanette will put together the list of recommendations and the WAC will submit it to the Town Board.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Flynn  
Clerk to the Committees