

AD-HOC WATER SUPPLY STUDY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 31, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm in Conference Room B of the Town Hall.

ROLL CALL: Al Bradley, Bill Zenko, Bill Oros, Christine Pattee John Elsesser, Eric M. Trott, Joe Callahan, Noel Waite, Craig Patla (CT Water Co.)

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

No comment.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bradley and seconded by Oros to adopt the minutes of June 26, 2013 as presented. The motion passed unanimously with Pattee abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Committee reviewed the draft preliminary report of findings and recommendations that was prepared by the Town Manager.

It was agreed to provide a table outlining the financial information to simplify and clarify the data. Totals will be provided when all financial figures are available.

Comments were made in regard to the Orchard Hill Estates section of the report. The total gallons per day and cost figure were corrected to 4,000 gallons per day and \$25,000 per year expense if they connected to CWC system. The current estimated annual expense is \$7,500. One well system was replaced last year at a cost of approximately \$20,000. Orchard Hill Estates would connect to CWC system if it makes good financial sense. The ability to connect in the future is important, if the need arises.

CWC would like to double-check the cost figure and project the numbers a little further out.

The Board of Education may be concerned with conveying the wells to CWC. A neutral operating cost is important. It was clarified that CWC does not own the wells/water lines until they are replaced. CWC would enter into an agreement with the Town to delineate responsibilities associated with maintenance, use, etc.

The State Board of Education was consulted and they indicated that the Town would not be responsible for reimbursement of funds to the State if the existing water system was conveyed to CWC since the funds were used to address a code violation.

An 8-24 PZC review will be required to improve and connect to the CWC system. An Inland Wetlands approval may be required depending upon the water tower location.

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The Town continues to explore funding sources, such as STEAP and USDA – Rural Development Funds. Other options include bonding/referendum and annual budget.

It was agreed to delete recommendation #3 regarding Orchard Hill Estates, since a study of the project is not warranted at this time. In addition, it was agreed to add language regarding risk and define the CWC responsibilities pursuant to an agreement with the Town.

The Town Manager will revise the draft and it will be available for the next meeting for a final vote of the Committee.

The committee agreed to meet again on August 21, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Director of Planning and Development