

Craftsbury Water District #2

Monthly Meeting, Tuesday November 7, 2022

Attendees: Ian Baldwin, Gina Campoli, Nicole Civita, Paul Davidson, Christina Finkelstein, George Hall, Norm Hanson, John Kiernan, Eli Morgan, Renee Rossi, Jason Schaefer, Steve Smith

Meeting Summary

Well 1: Steve Smith reported that Well 1 is up and running as of last month and is producing enough - along with Well 4 - to serve the system. There will be a state mandated PFA test in the next few weeks. It was suggested that there be another communication with customers reminding them of the presence of PFAs, now that the District is relying again on blended water from the contaminated well and not hauled water. Christina and Nicole will draft a note to customers and Nicole will let Gina know if the Sterling community would like a presentation from the state regarding the health risks associated with PFAs.

Financial Report: Paula briefly reviewed her monthly report and pointed out the current deficit caused by our loan/grant status for much of the drilling thus far. Those bills are starting to come in. She is working with Jon to facilitate state reimbursement. Once project updates are submitted the 80/20 reimbursements are expected to continue. Norm noted that the finance committee has been closely monitoring Paula's reports.

The finance committee, in anticipation of needing a portion of the reserve funds is investigating alternatives and planning on pulling cash from the 5 year CD. This will cause some fees but given the severely limited return from the CD - there are long term advantages of other investment types.

Generator Project: The generator can not be hooked up until the booster pump is replaced in the treatment building. This work is outside the scope of the generator grant since it's a repair/replacement associated with normal system wear and tear. It will take 1-2 weeks to order and obtain the equipment - D&K was able to send a couple of quotes to Steve who will follow-up with the vendors and an installer.

Well 6: Jason reported that testing over 7 days indicated a rate of 12 gals a minute - included in a report sent to DEC for the Construction Permit. They are now gathering cost, permitting and other data and information also needed for the permit. An archeologist will walk the connection route later this week and there will be test pits and probes to determine the extent of ledge. Manosh has committed to clean up the site in the next few weeks. Construction won't occur until next spring/early summer.

Concern were raised about the possibility of drawing from limited "underground seeps" as a dowser indicated. Jason responded that the 7 day test indicated some certainty that the source was constant. Well 4 was over pumped and we need to make sure that dent happen again. Jason also indicated that coliform was detected through an

absence/presence test after several negative tests. This will need to be further investigated and the feasibility of treatment considered if the problem persists.

The easement language for Well 6 is with Sterlings lawyer. It too will be needed for the Construction Permit next year.

Well 7: Jason is working with 2 potential drillers, Manosh and Capital. Capital indicated that access via the Sterling farm road would be challenging and expensive - over \$200K primarily for material along the entire road length. Manosh believes stone would be needed just below the barn and to raise the road bed high enough at the stream crossing necessary for Corps of Engineers permitting approval. This is expected to be a much reduced price from Capital's estimate.

D&K has questions regarding Sterling's invasive species requirements. Jason will reach out to Nicole who will provide contacts for this as well as with their farm team to ensure a common understanding of the work and how it will be executed. Once the final contractor has been determined, an access letter - similar to the one for Well 6 - will be circulated for D&K's, the contractor's, Sterling's and CFD#2's signatures.

Meter Replacements: Steve has been replacing and repairing meters at Minden Hall at CA, and others at Sterling and at homes around the Common where meters have not been in service for some time or are failing. He noted that EJ Prescott in Barre will replace faulty batteries from meters installed in 2016. They have been pulled out and sent back for replacement. Board members thanked Steve for his quick and thorough work on this important effort.

Bottled Water: Weekly deliveries are occurring weekly at both the Church and Sterling. There have been no customer complaints. The state has agreed to extend the grant. Paula will request that it continue until June to cover the time to get Well 6 and 7 online.

Board Terms: Board terms are for 3 years ending at the end of the calendar year. Ian, George, and Norm will indicate at the meeting next month their interest in remaining for another term

PFA Study: Gina was contacted by the consultants working on the state's PFA investigation regarding monitoring wells - one on the Common and another in the Auld Lang Syne ROW. The Select Board has been notified and they showed interest in DEC presenting more info about the investigation.

Simmons Driveway: Steve will work with Manosh on the timing of when they would make the repairs next spring and keep Joan informed of the progress.