West Barnstable Water Commissioners

October 8, 2014
6:00pm
West Barnstable Fire Station, upstairs meeting room

Present: Arne Ojala, Mark Wirtanen and Kris Clark
Also Present: Dave Paananen

Chairman Ojala opened the meeting at 6:05pm. Dave Paananen gave an update on the quality of the water, especially in regards to the sodium content. Dave explained that the flushing system for their water filter appears to add about 30ppm to their water. The water was tested before it enters the filtering system and the result was at 55.4ppm.

Mark took a water sample from Meetinghouse Farm and shared with us the results of that water test-where the sodium content was at 96ppm.

Dave Paananen visited West Parish where the staff there couldn't find the records for water tests done there and Lombard Farms is under new management, therefore figures for water tests done there aren't available. It's the intention to visit Wayne Miller to get figures at the Trout Farm.

Dave found the report from the original drilling for West Barnstable's well, prepared by Whitman Howell. (Dave went home.) We briefly looked it over and Arne took it home to peruse more thoroughly. Arne said that there is a second report which was a follow-up to the one that Dave gave us. We'll ask to view the second document.

Arne will investigate estimates on how much it would cost to get our current well tested for its current status. Then we can request a warrant article for next June's Annual Meeting to approve the expense of getting that tested.

Mark then suggested that we could ask West Barnstable residents to voluntarily send the Water District their water tests results (or photocopy them). Then we could have a composite view of the water quality throughout the West Barnstable Water District.

Mark made a motion to go into executive session and not to come back into public session to discuss possible purchasing of private property as it relates to protection of municipal water supplies. Arne seconded. Mark Wirtanen, Arne Ojala and Kris Clark: Aye

MINUTES CONTINUES IN EXECUTIVE SESSION