

West Barnstable Water Commissioners

December 2, 2015

6:00pm

West Barnstable Fire Station, downstairs meeting room

Present: Arne Ojala, Mark Wirtanen and Kris Clark

Chairman Ojala opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Desmond Well Drilling, Inc. installed the new well with a 2" casing about six feet from where the old well was drilled. Mark and Arne made a site visit of the new wellhead on October 3, 2015. The wellhead is locked and the key is with the Fire Chief.

Arne shared copies of the test results of the water sample that he took and delivered on August 27, 2015. It was good news that he shared with us that these results show that the water quality of our District well is essentially the same as the water sampled from the former well in that area that was taken in 1977, almost 40 years ago.

MOTION: Made by Arne and seconded by Mark

"To include in the District's annual report the results of the recent and past well water sample tests. Also as part of the annual report, that the test well was installed by Desmond Well Drilling, Inc. and was paid through appropriated funds of the West Barnstable Fire District."

Vote: Unanimous Approval.

Mark also suggested to include a reference to the Barnstable County Lab's services, including contact information for the District residents to enable them to get their drinking water tested.

Increased sodium levels in the water supply at the Fire Station was raised earlier in the year by Deputy Chief Dave Paananen. It appears that along Meetinghouse Way, there are other places that draw water that also have elevated sodium levels. Given that the Fire Station's water supply is near the road and shallower than the District's municipal well, it is suspected that salt use to treat snow and ice along Meetinghouse Way, as a main thoroughfare, may be the source of the increased sodium levels in the water supplies along this road.

Also this past year, recommendations were sent to the Town's Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee regarding parcels of land that should be considered for purchase to preserve the municipal water supply.

Arne volunteered to write a draft of the Annual Report for next April's Annual Meeting. He also agreed to check at the Whelden Memorial Library to make sure that they have copies of the 1977 well water test results as well as leaving a copy of the recent test results from August.

MOTION: Made by Kris and seconded by Mark

"That Arne be the chair of the West Barnstable Water Commissioners" Vote: Unanimous Approval.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Clark