

Scantic Valley Water District
February 14, 2023 10:00 am
Meeting Minutes

Members present:

John Plaster (Chair), Paul Garwacki (Commissioner) Craig Rivest (Commissioner), Jane Budynekiewicz (Board of Health), Bob Flagg (East National Water)

Absent: none

- The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.
- Kristen Rivers, staff writer from the Wilbraham-Hampden Times attended the meeting.
- Craig Rivest updated the group with information that was presented at recent Selectmen's meeting regarding water quality testing at the landfill and 10 homes adjacent to it. Jane Budynekiewicz handed out diagrams of the tested properties. The testing detected PFAS chemicals (polyfluoroalkyl substances). The chemicals detected are below the threshold requiring action to be taken. The Selectmen recommend adding these properties to the water district and have approved this recommendation. Funding for the expansion is available through ARPA and additional grants have been applied for by Bob Markel. All members of the water commission agreed that we should move quickly to address these new challenges.
- Craig Rivest made the motion to authorize an engineering study to expand the water district and upgrade it to handle the added properties, seconded by Paul Garwacki and passed unanimously.
 - The Water Commission agreed that we should send out requests for bid to a minimum of three engineering firms so that we get the best value for the water district.
 - The upgrade needs were discussed and the commissioners asked Bob Flagg to put together the scope of work for the bid solicitation. Bob agreed and committed to getting a first draft completed within the week.
 - Jane was asked to put together a mailing to the water district property owners asking for updated contact information so we can keep everyone informed.
- The disappointing testing mistakes made by Pace Analytical caused setbacks in our investigation of the coliform bacteria contamination problems we have experienced. Bob Flagg recommended another lab for the work, the cost is similar. John Plaster made the motion to change our lab to Quabbin Analytical, Paul Garwacki seconded and the motion passed.
- East National will install the bleeders this week to the Fire House, DPW and Town House. This is the last open action item.
- Testing will be conducted this week and we are all hoping for a clear test.
- Bills reviewed and accepted for payment:
 - East National Water- \$570.00
 - Pace Analytical- \$271.50
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.