

Scantic Valley Water District  
April 11, 2023 10:00 am  
Meeting Minutes

**Members present:**

John Plaster (Chair), Paul Garwacki (Commissioner) Craig Rivest (Commissioner), Bob Flagg (East National Water)

**Absent: none**

**Peter Valinski** representing Tighe & Bond was present at the meeting. They are prepared to go forward with the project. The group updated him on the vision that the water commission has for the future of the water district. The water district infrastructure needs to be upgraded and the capacity increased to accommodate expected increased demand.

Some highlights were:

- The Pump house will need to be replaced along with the existing storage tank.
- Two above ground tanks will be required that will more than double our current water storage capacity.
- The water tanks will not be pressurized and they will be able to vent off CO2 which has been an intermittent problem.
- The system will be pressurized after the storage and this should give us more consistent water pressure.
- Room for future expansion of the water storage needs to be factored in to the building plans.
- Two options to consider are:
  - Build a new structure next to the existing structure and switch over.
  - Demolish the existing building and build on the existing site. This would require water tankers to supply water during the building project.
- Peter believes he should have some preliminary information for the commission in approximately a week.
- The easement for the wells and building structure is being researched. We need to confirm what physical limitation there may be. Peter will research the records at Tighe & Bond to see if they have them on file. Craig Rivest has initiated the process at the Town House, researching building permits as well.
- **Bob Flagg** updated the water commission on the recent testing. Bob believes that the E. coli positive test was the result of an error in the water procurement process. Of course once the water test indicated the presence of E. Coli all precautions were taken. Sanitation of the system was done as required. The bleeder has since been installed in the Town House which will insure that future tests are not compromised. The bleeders were successfully installed in the fire house and the DPW and both of those tests were clear. Once the chlorine is no longer detected in the water new tests will be conducted. The goal is to get back to consistent clear tests in that we have enjoyed for the past two decades.
- Upon inspection of the decommissioned water system at the Town House it was discovered that the plumber that did the work had left the old system live and full pressurized. This has been corrected.
- The E. Coli incident, the construction and excavation at the transfer station and the recent PFAS hits in the water of water district abutters has raised concerns from many in the area.

Rick DeSanti of Glendale Road attended the meeting and had some questions for the water commission.

- Some questions that came out of the discussion were:
  - Can the water district be defined geographically rather than by street address?
  - Can all of the land fill abutters be tested to address their concerns?
  - Some were previously promised annual testing and that has apparently lapsed?
  - John Plaster will pursue the testing question.
  
- Bills reviewed and accepted for payment:
  - East National Water- \$836.00
  - Electric - \$305.74
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.