

Scantic Valley Water District
December 20, 2022 10:00 am
Meeting Minutes

Members present:

John Plaster (Chair), Craig Rivest (Commissioner), Paul Garwacki (Commissioner) Bob Flagg (East National Water), Peter Valinski (Tighe & Bond) and Matt Kirk (Tighe & Bond).

Absent: None

- The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am.
 - Representatives from Tighe & Bond were present to hear our concerns and review the ongoing problems with coliform bacteria contamination of the water system. It has been a continuous problem since the water district was expanded. The contamination has been confined to this newly added section. The water Commission is looking for answer to the ongoing problems. Is this a failed installation and what needs to be done?
 - Bob Flagg updated the group with the test history.
 - All contamination has been at the Town Hall, DPW & Fire Station.
 - The contamination prompted system inspections.
 - The corrective actions resulting from the inspections were reviewed.
 - Samples were being retaken and would be sent to Pace for analysis of bacterial growth to try and determine the source of the bacteria.
 - The group discussed the new sections construction. The new sections construction deviated from the original plan. Some of the old existing pipes to the fire station, DPW and houses below were connected into the system. No one seems to know who approved the change of plans. There is a concern that the old sections condition is not clearly known. There could be dead ends legs to the old sections that were capped years ago. This could be a source for contamination.
 - Bob Flagg suggested an additional testing station be added to the water line between the new section and the original section. The most logical location would be on the south side of Main Street before the water line crosses the road.
 - Peter Valinski expressed the opinion that there is stagnate water somewhere in the new section. He recommended that we take the following course of action over the next month:
 - Install water bleeders in the Fire Station, DPW and Town Hall to keep water moving.
 - Flush the hydrants weekly for the next month.
 - Rerun the bacteria tests and evaluate the results.
 - These recommendations will be implemented. We will see where this leads us. Hopefully on the path to a permanent correction to the problem.
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- Bills reviewed and accepted for payment:
 - Electric bill \$215.20
 - East National \$1400.00
 - It was agreed the next meeting should be scheduled for January 17, 2023 at 10:00 am.
 - The meeting was adjourned just before noon.

