

Scantic Valley Water District  
October 15, 2022 10:00 am  
Meeting Minutes

**Members present:**

John Plaster (Chair), Paul Garwacki (Commissioner) Bob Flagg (East National Water), Jane Budynkiewicz (BoH Coordinator), John Flynn (Selectman)

**Absent:** Craig Rivest (Commissioner)

- The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am.
- Bills reviewed and accepted for payment:
  - Electric bill \$143.18
  - Pace Analytical \$1,365.10
  - East National Water LLC. \$440.00
- Bob Flagg reported on recent testing and actions that have been taken since our last meeting.
  - The most recent water test resulted in some positive coliform results in the newest section of the water system.
  - The system is being reviewed to try and determine the cause of the contamination and correct any findings. It was discussed and agreed the Bob Flagg should inspect the connections that were made with Matt from Tighe & Bond. Tighe & Bond will be contacted and arrangements made.
  - The Fire House - it was discovered that there was a gate valve in-between the water system supply line and the fire departments well. The gate valve has been eliminated and the systems is now separated.
  - The back flow valves that were installed during the system expansion have not been tested. Bob will start the annual testing now of the back flow valves and will start with the new installations. This could be a root for the contamination but it is unlikely.
  - The contamination could be caused by ground water contamination or leaking pipes or both. Bob Flagg has a team inspecting the various access pits for this possibility.
  - The pit in the DPW when inspected was found to be filled with water and it was above the manifold to the three houses below. The pit had been pumped out and the manifold and pipes will be inspected later.
  - A suggestion was made by John Flynn that we have a connection diagram made for each of the properties in the system and for each connection along the system. This will be pursued.
  - Bob reported that he is not satisfied with the accuracy of the testing and timeliness of the reporting done by Pace Analytical. He suggests that we consider moving to Quabbin Analytical. We will investigate this option.
- Bob's team called him near the end of the meeting and reported that they had found several leaks in the pipes and manifold at the DPW site. The meeting moved to the DPW site to view the findings. A plan will be put in place to replace the manifold and leaking plumbing. A drain for ground water should be done at the same time.
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:07