

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting regarding Wadhams Water Project on August 19, 2009

Supervisor Connell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Members present on a roll call vote were:

Councilman Smith
Councilman Paquette
Councilman Tyler
Supervisor Connell

Members absent:

Councilman Sherman

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
John Crandall, Water Operator
Dawn St. Louis, Water Operator
Wayne Ryan and Todd Hodgson, AES Northeast
Susan Kennedy, NYS Department of Health
Victor Putman, Essex County Planning Office
Bruce Ware, Matt Foley, Jim Bullard

Supervisor Connell stated that this meeting was called to discuss three concerns we have concerning this project.

- The first being that AES doesn't believe we have enough capacity coming in for the number of residents
- EFC application needs to be completed by September 26 or we may lose funding
- Money borrowed from Water District #1 needs to be repaid by December 31, 2009

Todd Hodgson had put a meter on line in Wadhams indicating usage was more than what they thought. Due to this, Wayne Ryan recommended drilling two more wells. Susan Kennedy did not support the concept of drilling additional wells. AES had scheduled to be here on Friday, 8/14 to meter the line again but called and cancelled after the town crew spent hours digging out the area. Wayne Ryan agreed to pay for the expense this created for the Town.

Councilman Smith, Paquette and Supervisor Connell stated that they would not support drilling two more wells.

Councilman Tyler felt we had no choice but to move ahead.

It was agreed that they need to get the water usage defined.

Wayne Ryan would get the schematic ready for the Board by Tuesday, Sept. 8th.

Victor Putnam would continue getting the satisfying steps ready for seqra and short term financing.

Todd Hodgson to return and get another meter reading.

Wayne Ryan presented an estimate of probably project costs totaling \$1,895,256. Much discussion took place. There was a consensus that they had to take time and look at options and cut expenses. Supervisor Connell stated there was no way 40 families could afford the yearly fees involved with this kind of debt.

Bruce Ware asked if we could do away with the water service in Wadhams letting people put in their own systems. We were informed the supply isn't available throughout the town to make that a viable solution.

RESOLUTION #165

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Tyler to adjourn with a unanimous second at 3: 45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted
Sheila Borden, Town Clerk