

**Water Committee
Village of Millbrook
June 11, 2012**

In attendance: Trustee Mike Herzog, Council Member Karen Mosca, Emma Rossi-Marshall, Dr. William Augerson, Scott Osborne, Howard Schuman, Stanley Morse and Clerk Linda Wiltse.

Call to Order-Trustee Herzog at 5:02 PM

Emma recommended adding a decommissioned tank below the ground tanks category on the survey. The Committee was considering adding pools to the survey and ultimately decided to exclude pools from the questionnaire. Howard mentioned adding a tank holding "other" for the above ground and below ground tanks portion of the survey. Karen asked if it was possible to include an explanation of what a disposal well is as well as what a recharge basin and dry well are. Stan asked the Committee to revisit adding pools and the number of ponds also. Bill stated that naturally occurring ponds have different ramifications than dammed ponds and man made ponds on our drinking water system. Emma added they are looking for land use as related to water resources. Bill stated the cover letter must be worded extremely carefully to protect the Village water resources. It should also clarify that the survey will have nothing to do with reassessment of properties.

Emma did not recommend including pools and ponds in the survey since that information is available elsewhere. The Committee discussed incentives to complete the survey such as they may require an onsite inspection if no response is submitted. It was mentioned that accomplishing 250 inspections annually may be a cumbersome task. Bill stated this information being disclosed is legally required under the 1992 NYS law. Emma added that completing the survey does not absolve a property owner from inspection requirements. The cover letter should inform the residents of the survey's intent to protect the Village's water supply and may that periodic onsite inspections may occur. Emma asked even if a parcel is partially in the water shed area then the survey will be submitted. The Committee agreed that a parcel should be included. Howard stated zone 2 prohibits a few more activities than zone 3 and therefore needs to be redrawn. Mike will approach the Board of Trustees tomorrow for approval to mail out the survey. An unpaid intern will be assisting with the survey data and the input of the submitted survey information.

A couple of drop-off survey locations was requested and met with positive responses. A return address on the letter and postage paid was seriously considered to increase survey response numbers. The Post Office will be contacted to fully understand the possibilities. A potential mailing date of mid July was considered optimal with a two week turn around timeframe.

Seven recommendations from the Committee which need clarification from the Board of Trustees who will meet tomorrow evening are listed below.

1. Current personnel (Ex: Ken McLaughlin) will be in charge of visual inspections as per the NYS 1992 law. Homeowners not responding will need onsite inspections.
2. Data obtained from Dutchess County and/or Neil Curry and/or the Town of Washington Assessor's office
3. Set a date for Russell Urbin-Mead to address both Boards (town and village) in reference to the need to redraw maps for zones 2 and 3.
4. Consider the former Bennett College aquifer as a second water source in the event of an emergency
5. The survey mailed out by mid July
6. Consider the internet and email contact information for emergency notification
7. An inter-municipal agreement covering zone 2 and 3 responsibilities

Mike asked for a contribution of any items not included in the above list. Howard stated they need to redraw the map lines and they must have the Town of Washington's consent to accomplish this. Bill thought it was important to add the issue of paying for the inspections will be covered solely by the Village.

Howard asked if Russell will speak about the need for the Town of Washington to have their own ordinance to protect their water supplies. Mike responded that he would find it hard to believe he would not take advantage of the opportunity to address this issue. Howard added that perhaps they should leave it out of the official recommendations.

Bill stated that a fact sheet of the cost of a second well should be requested from well drilling companies located in Dutchess County. A quote for drilling a second well and the timeframe it will take to accomplish was desired. Scott offered to get the information for looking at the possibility of future contamination where the remedy might be to take water from a deep well in the water processor area. The Committee is trying to develop information about what the rough costs to drill a well and cap it for future available use would be. Also, desire is the range of time it will take from the start of an urgent contract.

It was added the Village Board of Trustees should keep a second well at the former Bennett College campus in mind when negotiating with the developers. Bill stated they are looking for the realities of drilling. Mike stated that educational materials should be considered once the data is back from the surveys. Community Day may be an ideal opportunity to educate the residents of the Village and the Town. Tours are available for school groups at the waste water treatment facility. The Town of Washington and the Village CAC could get involved as well in the education process. The Environmental Club at the Millbrook High School will be contacted as well.

Future Meeting Scheduled-The committee will meet on Monday, July 9th at 5 pm.

The meeting concluded at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda T. Wiltse
Village of Millbrook
Clerk/Treasurer