

SPECIAL MEETING

West Cornwall Water/Septic Study Group

December 6, 2016 at 5pm at Ian Ingersoll's Shop in West Cornwall

Members Present: David Dolinsky (DD), Richard Griggs (RG), Ian Ingersoll (II), Libby Mitchell (LM), Priscilla Pavel (PP), Todd Piker (TP) and Joanne Wojtusiak (JP). Also present Ex Officio Members: Gordon Ridgway (GR) and Richard Bramley (RB). Also attending: Dusty McMahan from Goman & York.

The meeting was called to order by TP at 5:00pm

TP welcomed Stephen McDonnell and John Wengell from WMC Consulting Engineers and several community members.

TP quickly re-capped focus of the Committee and then turned to McDonnell to outline where they are in the process and what their initial steps will be going forward. While admitting that December is a less than ideal month to begin any field work, he urged that "public involvement" begin promptly. He also said they can begin working on things like examination of TAH records immediately and, if it is a mild winter, they could begin some field work.

It was agreed that a public meeting in January with a presentation by WMC was a good first step. We agreed that publicizing this meeting is crucial. GR suggested a Chronicle article and RG suggested utilizing the reach of the Cornwall Community Network and possibly creating a separate page for the Committee on the Cornwall website. II said he has a list of email addresses for many community members that can also be used to get information out to interested parties. TP suggested the formation of a sub-committee to handle communications.

The meeting date was set for Friday, January 20th (snow date 1/27) at 7pm at CCS (availability needs to be finalized).

The Committee set a schedule for meetings in 2017; beginning in February we will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 5pm at Ian's shop in West Cornwall. JW will send schedule to Vera Dineen for public posting.

GR spoke about the state-wide study of public water supply that is being undertaken and he said the COG is actively following this issue. He said that each town may be required to identify a single water company that would be responsible if expansion was required or an emergency occurred. Right now Aquarion is the water company in Cornwall Village; there is also the Cornwall Water Company in Cornwall Bridge and the facilities at Bonney Brook and Kugeman.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Wojtusiak, Secretary