

TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND – WATER COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF MEETING: September 16, 2019

6 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Water Committee members in attendance: Mark Dempf (Chairman—Skype), Jo Ann Davies, Tim Willis, Garrett Frueh, Karl Deidrick, Bill Hennessy (Town Board)

Applicants in attendance: Tate (Frederick), Waldman, Donato, MacCrea, Koch, Mallinson

Guests in attendance: Douglas LaGrange (Town Supervisor) Samantha Miller (ToNS)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Frank Tate (New Scotland South Road) -- applicant is requesting a water district extension to service his residence at 362 New Scotland South Road. The parcel contains 43.7 acres and is identified as New Scotland tax parcel #84.-2-47.

Discussion Points (Mr. Tate was represented by Mr. Frederick):

- Five (5) wells have been dug on this property and none have been any good; a cistern was also installed near the pond and that failed
- Water for the house comes from on-site pond to an existing well to a storage tank); it is not potable
- There are no engineering plans to accompany request; applicant will speak with Insite Northeast regarding need for plans
- Applicant would like to connect to the water supply that now services the Creekside development (Heldervale Water District served by the Town of Bethlehem)
- It is approximately 1,150 ft. to the house from the existing Creekside main
- The request is for a single tap

Committee Questions / Points:

- Water main would have to be taken by the applicant to the furthest point on his property—could be cost prohibitive
- Guesstimate on cost of water main is approximately \$65-\$75,000 plus an additional \$42,000 for line to house
- NYS Comptroller limits / guidelines have to be followed
- Option would be for applicant to privately fund water district extension
- Regardless of how this is funded, this would require ToB and ToNS approval which would require an Engineer's Map, Plan and Report (approximately additional \$3-\$4,000) to be approved by ToNS Town Board and incorporated as part of the Inter-municipal Agreement (IMA) with ToB

To Be Determined:

- This is a corner lot—would the water main have to be extended around the bend (approximately an additional 650 ft.) to point of connection of Connelly property?
- Could property on other side of Miller Road / 308 intersection be included?
- Mr. Frederick will contact Insite Northeast or Stantec with information and questions from tonight's meeting

2. John & Marjorie Waldman (1183 Krumkill Road) -- applicant is requesting water service to their residence. The parcel contains 7.7 acres and is identified as New Scotland tax parcel #62.-4-22
3. Catherine Donato (64 Normanskill Road) - applicant is requesting water service to her residence. The parcel contains <1 acre (200' x 160')
4. Lee MacCrea (1189 Krumkill road) - applicant is requesting water service to his residence. No tax parcel ID listed. The parcel contains 1.5 acres.
5. George Koch (212 State Farm Road) - applicant is requesting water service to his residence. The parcel contains <1 acre (200' by 500')

NOTE: items 2 thru 5 were discussed as a group

Discussion Points:

- All property owners described situations of either poor quality or quantity or both
- Historically this area has been determined to have water issues in the Krumkill and Wormer Road area. An analysis of this area had been conducted by Stantec and it was determined at that time that service to this area would be cost prohibitive

Next Steps:

- Mr. Frueh will investigate the analyses of the previous study done by Stantec for this area
- Mrs. Davies will research prior agendas and minutes for any additional findings by the Water Committee
- Mr. Lagrange will contact the supervisor for the Town of Guilderland to discuss current position by that town on water issues in that area.
- All findings will be brought to a future meeting

6. Joseph Lyons (138 Crow Ridge Road) - applicant is requesting permission for a water tap on an existing privately owned shared service to provide water service to his residence. The parcel contains 4 acres and is identified as New Scotland tax parcel #83.-3-17

Discussion Points:

- Current service to Crow Ridge is a private line owned by the ToB and over which the ToNS has no control
- An application was submitted in April 2006 for this same property
- The existing line is a 2 inch "spaghetti line"
- An option would be to petition the current 13 property owners to determine interest / commitment to forming a water district extension. The ToB would be the supplier of water at a current rate of twice the ToB residents.
- Another option would be for the applicant to pay for a water district extension.
- It is approximately 2492 feet from Route 85 to the end of the applicant's parcel

OLD BUSINESS:

1. the role and function of the Water Committee (B. Hennessey)

OLD BUSINESS: WATER COMMITTEE PURPOSE (copied from March, 2018 meeting summary)

Reminder: the committee is requesting the Planning Board and Building Department guide applicants to the Water Committee early on in the review process. As per the request of the Town Board every application must attend a water committee meeting to receive review and recommendation to the Town Board.

Originally formed as the Water Study Committee at the October 2, 1985 ToNS Town Board meeting; the committee's main function as stated in the minutes of a November 6, 1985 meeting "will be to study and locate potential water resources for the Town"

Over time the committee has evolved into a citizen committee that reviews applications for water and sewer service and then provides recommendations to the Town Board for any concerns or potential issues that have been identified. There has been no change by the Town Board in the charge to the Water Committee since it was originally formed.

After a discussion concerning the role of the committee a request was made for Bill Hennessey to discuss with the Town Board members the concerns and questions raised during the discussion (i.e. membership, appointment of a chairman, role/purpose).

2. Water District Work / Updates (B. Hennessey) discussion on current and future water districts review

Discussion Points:

- A study has been commissioned to study the consolidation of water districts within the ToNS
- Mr. Hennessey will update at next meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.

cc: Ms. Diane Deschenes
Mr. Michael Naughton

Mr. Doug LaGrange

Mr. Charles Voss