

Town of Proctor Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes

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April 8, 2015

6:00 p.m. – 8:10 p.m.

Board Members Present

Bill Champine, Chair

Bruce Baccei

John Jozwiak

Frank Woolf

Employees Present

Celia Lisananti, Town Clerk

Stan Wilbur, Town Manager

Guest Present

Ray Solomon, VT Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division

Jerry Brislin, F.W. Webb

Jordan Atwood, Hulbert Supply Co.

Nick Paquette, Paquette Plumbing

Jeffery L. Leonard, Green Mountain Water Treatment

Martin L. Wasserman, Water Guard

83 Residents or Property Owners (signup sheet attached and made a part of the minutes)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Selectboard Vacancy

John Jozwiak made the motion to appoint Richard Horner to fill the Selectboard vacancy until Town Meeting 2016. The motion was seconded by Bruce Baccei and approved by majority.

John Jozwiak asked if Chris Hayes, Simons Operations, would be at next Monday's meeting. Stan Wilbur responded that Chris Hayes and Mark Simons will be attending the April 27, 2015 meeting.

III. Hard Water Informational Meeting (6:30 p.m.)

Bill Champine introduce Ray Solomon, Environmental Scientist with the VT Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division. Ray gave an overview water quality issues related to the switch from the Chittenden surface water to the Field Street ground water source. The switch eliminated the health hazards but the water from the Field Street Well is hard (230 ppm). He explained what hardness was and described the impacts of hardness on household plumbing and appliances and methods to treat for hardness. Ray responded to questions.

Comments addressed to the Selectborad centered on a lack of information relating to hardness before the bond vote and a lack notice of the possible need to install softeners before the Field Street well was put online. Others were concerned with the cost of installing and maintaining softening units and asked if there was anything the town could do to help.

Representatives of plumbing supply, water treatment and plumbing companies described different softening methods and products that are available. They also presented cost estimates for the various products and answered questions from the audience. There could be price discounts for volume purchases if people joined together. Andrea Varney volunteered to coordinate development of group purchase lists.

The Town is not in a position to offer financial assistance for the purchase of softening units but will offer administrative assistance and will update the website as new information is provided by residents or plumbers.

Bruce Baccei made the motion at 8:10 p.m. to adjourn the April 8, 2015 special selectboard meeting. The motion was seconded by Frank Woolf and approved by majority.

IV. Adjourn

Bruce Baccei made the motion at 9:45 a.m. to adjourn the March 24, 2015 special meeting of the Selectboard. The motion was seconded by Frank Woolf and approved by majority.