

**Water Quality Committee
Village of Millbrook
February 27, 2012**

In attendance: Trustee Mike Herzog, Stanley Morse, Frank Genova, Howard Schuman and Clerk Linda Wiltse

Call to Order-Trustee Herzog at 5:00 PM

Long Term Goals for Water Committee-Trustee Herzog began discussing the report dated 12/13/2011 which was submitted to the Village of Millbrook Board of Trustees at an open meeting and was then distributed to the committee members. Frank stated the demand for water is always increasing and it will never decrease. He added the two necessary elements of water and air cannot be compromised. The question was raised, does the Village have long term plans and have they set benchmarks to accomplish them throughout the coming year? The Village needs to prioritize their goals and put them to bed when they are complete. Frank stated he has suggestions for the last page when the full committee is available to hear them. He added the last page may be considered in a different light or it could be reworded. Stanley stated the seven items are part of a work plan which is equal to the short term goals.

Other 4 goals in total

1. A resolution and agreement of the water committee to pursue a second aquifer. They want, need and should pursue a second water source. A backup cost is high when the Village has a limited source of funds. NYS will not let the Village set up a second aquifer or water source as stated by Russell Urbin Mead in an earlier meeting. Frank stated the cost is relative and perfect roads means nothing when you don't have a water supply or a quality water supply or a sufficient water supply.
2. An inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Washington to protect the Village water supply is needed as stated by Stan. Mike added the Village needs to protect the aquifer the Village has and the watershed areas. He added deep rock wells at Mabbetsville may be the next step. Frank disagreed since they are talking about a watershed area and not an aquifer. He added they have a limited amount of rainfall which is the only water supply. Frank compared looking at a house as compared to looking at the entire watershed area and not just the pump stations. Frank repeated that he felt strongly about the need for a second aquifer water source and about the best location for that water shed source area. Frank stated the water supply is not sufficient for current use. He also expressed his concern over hazardous material spills near the current water shed area. Mike asked if Frank wants the committee to look at a second water aquifer or a second water source. Mike stated they should protect the current water shed area and then create a separate distinct water station remote from the current water station and in close proximity to the Village of Millbrook. Frank thinks Stanford Road is a prime location for a second and separate water source for the Village. He added it

may not be ultimately but they should look at it. Mike stated this may be a long term goal for the committee to look for a remote water shed area. Mike stated the CAC is also looking to protect environmentally the water shed area located in the Town of Washington. Frank recommended the committee prioritize by putting the second water source near the top of the list. He added the traffic through the Mabbettsville area may pose a long term threat to the Village water source.

3. Deep rock well
4. Public education aspect

The trip to the pumping station was to familiarize the committee with the area and not to cover the large water shed area according to Stan. Mike stated they are looking to view the water shed area in the future. Frank wants the language used correctly. Mike stated they are looking to work and tweak the model ordinance submitted by Russell Urbin Mead during a previous meeting. This can then lead to the education portion of the project to inform the residents and property owners of their responsibilities. They will take one step at a time. Frank repeated he feels a second water aquifer should be the first item on the priority list. Mike disagreed. Frank repeated the Village must maintain the one aquifer we have and look for a second water source.

Mike stated the committee members will listen to valid points but argumentative language gets the committee nowhere. Their time needs to be fruitfully spent Frank added.

Prioritized Recommendations-

1. Review the model ordinance amongst committee members for adoption consideration. They will tweak to wording for the Village of Millbrook and the Town of Washington. Mike may ask Al Debonis to join the committee as an environmentalist and both Stan and Frank agreed.
2. Review the 1992 NYS Health law for an inspector to use when inspections are conducted.
3. Look at a second aquifer.
4. The committee should think about information to get out to the general public according to Mike. Frank expressed that he feels this is a big mistake and premature. Stan stated that based on what they have accomplished so far the education portion is premature and is not timely.
5. Identify properties in the water shed area; expand zones 2 and 3 in the water shed area. The 1992 law has been submitted during a previous meeting but should be reviewed in detail by the committee. The Town of Washington water shed law would be beneficial to the water committee's efforts.
6. Communication during an emergency is in the process.

Howard arrived at 6 pm. Trustee Spagnola submitted a report offered by engineer Eric Holt and Howard feels the committee should take a look at the report. He also stated the Village should considered working with the Town of Washington on their Comprehensive Plan to include a water protection ordinance as an inter municipal agreement.

WIC Committee Report-The Environmental Ordinance Matrix breaks down all ordinances in Dutchess County by type. This information can be obtained on the WIC website.

A. Coordination with water committee goals

CAC Report-Mike stated each municipality gave what they have accomplished for the past year environmentally and the environmental packet for those in the water shed area. Howard stated the 1992 law could be the basis for the education to the residents in the water shed area. Frank will provide a map from several years ago with the parcel numbers of those properties located in the water shed area. Those present will update and share the information with the other committee members.

Future Meeting Scheduled-The committee will examine the model ordinance during the next meeting scheduled for the last Monday in March on the 26th at 5 pm. They will also discuss the recommendations concerning what was discussed today.

The meeting concluded at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda T. Wiltse
Village of Millbrook
Clerk/Treasurer