

Town of Sherman
Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
17 August 2019
9:15 AM Mallory Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Don Lowe, Selectman Bob Ostrosky, Selectman Kevin Keenan

Audience and Invited: B. Acosta, T. Beatty, E. Holub, J. Riley, G. Robbins, T. Simpkins, A. Werner, and audience of approximately 5.

CLERK: Linda Whitney

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Lowe Called the Meeting to Order at 9:17 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance

First Selectman D. Lowe explained that the purpose of the meeting was to examine the situation with the current well at MTH as well as to discuss the possibility of a new well that would serve MTH, The Playhouse, and the ESF. He introduced T. Simpkins, A. Werner, T. Beatty, B. Acosta, G. Robbins and his assistants, M. Metcalf and R. Holub, and E. Holub. The meeting was then moved outside to the current well site.

G. Robbins led a discussion describing the specifics of the current well. It has a depth of about 300 feet with 20 feet of casing. It has several fractures feeding water into it. A new pump was installed earlier this year when the old pump was found to be stuck. He recommends a 70 foot casing for a new well.

There was discussion on the continuing problem of salt and nitrates in the water. D. Lowe was asked if a new well were dug in the same spot if the town wouldn't continue to have these problems. He answered that the town has already taken measures to reduce the salt use after snow removal.

T. Simpkins spoke to the fact that a new well would have to be at least 75 feet from any contaminates (the septic and oil tanks), and that the old well would have to be capped. B. Ostrosky asked if we could hold off on the capping of the old well until we were sure a new well would produce enough water to serve MTH, The Playhouse, and the ESF. MTH uses about 100 gallons of water daily, B. Acosta will check on the daily demand for water at the ESF and report it to the Selectmen.

T. Beatty spoke about the need for state approval to dig a trench connecting a well in the current site to the Playhouse and ESF. T. Simpkins said he will look into that this week.

E. Holub proposed the idea of using an already approved UV system on the existing well to provide potable water for MTH and drilling a new well on the other side of Town Hall (near the Playhouse) to provide water for the Playhouse and the ESF. The Playhouse and ESF are already connected by water pipes. T. Simpkins spoke to a Well Site Suitability Application approval by the State needed for this option.

D. Lowe summed up the two options to be discussed at the next Board of Selectmen meeting as:

Option 1: Dig a new well for the Playhouse and the ESF while using UV treatments to allow MTH to use its existing well.

Option 2: Drill a new well at MTH and get state approval for the necessary trenching to connect that well to The Playhouse, ESF, and MTH.

G. Robbins recommended using deep casings regardless of which option the town chooses.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn: B. Ostrosky at 10:00 AM

Seconded: K. Keenan

Vote For: Unanimous

The next Board of Selectmen Regular Monthly Meeting is scheduled for 22 August 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Whitney