

Plainfield Water/WasteWater Commission Meeting Minutes for September 19th, 2023

Present In Zoom Session: Tim Phillips, Josh Pitts, Mary Lane, Tristan Macgregor-Stewart

5:22 Meeting called to order

Review/approve agenda

Agenda approved

Review/adopt minutes

Approved minutes for August 15th, 2023 as edited and September 5th, 2023 as written

Chief Facility Operator's report

The manhole in front of Maplefields that was paved over has been fixed to Tristan's satisfaction.

State staff did a site-visit to look at Perry Spring and Spring 4 which have been creating the Total Coliform hits we'd been seeing. Rehabbing Spring 4 requires a new spring tile to replace the stack of risers that form the springbox that have allowed roots to intrude. That will require a contractor to emplace. Perry Spring is a bit more involved to repair.. The springbox is very large (8 foot x 10 foot box with concrete roof). Roots have grown up inside the box to cover the access hatch. These two springs have been diverted/plugged so they are not supplying water so we are not seeing Total Coliform hits. Perry Spring is probably going to be looked at next summer. Hopefully Spring 4 is dealt with this fall. Tristan has reached out to some contractors to try to get something arranged. Tristan has located another spring location that may be a replacement for the Perry Spring. He suggested having two well tiles purchased and setting up this new spring since we have equipment on site. Getting this new spring approved is about a year-long process with the state regulators and will cost about \$1000 to pay the state application fee. We put about \$59,000 into Capital Improvement in the current budget so there should be money to make this happen. Tristan will talk with Carol about where to draw money from to pay for this. Perry Spring's rehab will not require any permitting adjustment, but Tristan is expecting to put it off until next summer.

The UV system is having issues with the electrical system. Some of the sensors are not showing the level of disinfection we should be getting. The actual chemical testing is showing that the disinfection is present. Tristan is working with the vendor trying to diagnose/repair this without having a service tech come out. The sales tech has indicated that in 2018 he discussed the system with Greg and that there are things that should be upgraded to allow the disinfection mechanism to run better and permit better remote diagnosis.

Expectation that by October of 2024 the system needs to complete a lead service line inventory for the state. Tristan has applied for aid to do this inventory and we have been accepted. If there is a line we can't identify as to what it is, we have to assume it is lead. The system is potentially on the hook even if the lead lines are internal to a private home.

Accept Resignation of Commission Chair

Mary has changed her mind and would like to stay on until a 3rd person is found and able to step in. Mary suggests putting the need for a new Commissioner on social media and seeing what happened. The Commission agreed

Vote On New Commission Chair Suggestion For Selectboard

This was tabled until a new Commission member is located.

Approve warrants

Warrants for 8/16/23, 8/17/23, 8/24/23, 8/31/23, 9/6/23, 9/7/23, 9/14/23 were approved

Other business

None

The next meeting was scheduled for October 17th, 2023 at 5:15PM as a ZOOM session.
The meeting adjourned 6:18PM

Submitted by Tim Phillips