

**Notes by the Board of Health for the Joint meeting/DEP presentation
concerning the impacted wells on Reed St., held at**

7 PM, Thursday the 2nd day of February, 2017

Present from Board of Health: Kenneth J. Lacey Jr., Donald Makowski and Rachael Carney.

Attendees: See Board of Selectmen's sign in sheet

7:05 PM: public meeting opened by Mr. Nardi.

The Board of Health was in attendance but as attendees only. The meeting was led by the Selectmen and the presentation was led by MassDEP. These notes are for informational purposes only, no votes, comments or motions were made by the BOH at this Joint meeting.

Eva Tor of DEP gave a power point presentation on the history of the S & S dump site located on Reed Street. See attached printout of presentation.

Ms. Tor said the bottled water, while only a temporary solution, would continue to be provided by the state, for as long as it is needed.

Ms. Tor took questions from the attendees. The highlights of her answers are as follows:

~ In 2004 – 2013 there were no indicators that the land or aquifers where the impacted wells are located, was contaminated. During this time 1-4, Dioxane was not on the horizon. All testing by DEP for VOC's was within the guidelines for drinking water standards.

~ 1, 4-Dioxane is a new emerging contaminate that with recent additional study has been found to pose a health risk. In 2014 the EPA suggested the drinking water guideline of 3.0 Mg/l be reduced to .30 Mg/l. In 2014 MassDEP decided to adopt the guideline that was recommended by the EPA.

Cynthia Pawlowski of MassDEP was in attendance. She did not directly address the attendees but Ms. Tor indicated that should anyone need more information or have further questions that she is the contact person, Ms. Pawlowski can be reached at 413-755-2247.

Jane Pierce with the lending/grants division out of Boston addressed the attendees with potential funding offered through the state. She agreed this situation puts Warren in a critical need for funds.

William Scanlan gave us an update as to his progress in obtaining funding for the engineering of this project. He has been working with the USDA and is applying for a pre-planning grant within the next week or so.

Discussion was had as to how far the line should extend up Reed St. The consensus seemed to be to run the line all the way and connect to South St. David Johnson of Warren Water District mentioned that if the lines were dead ended, issues with taste and color could occur. It was also pointed out that this connection to South St would improve the poor water pressure on South St. Many were concerned that any undiscovered burial sites could still be leaking and the plume could spread. Many mentioned discovering a few empty barrels buried on their properties and seeing the remnants of barrels on the ground across the street from the S & S site.

How any unfunded portions of this project would be funded was briefly discussed, but until we have a figure it is not possible to reach a solution on the matter. Most likely this will need to go to vote at Town Meeting.

Next Joint Meeting Date: To Be Determined

8:15 Meeting was closed by Chairman Nardi.

Respectfully,

Rachael Carney,

Board of Health, Secretary