



Stamford Water Quality – Board of Representatives

Susan Nabel, Chair

Gail Okun, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2015
Time: 6:15 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center, 888
Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Stamford Water Quality Committee met at the above date and time. In attendance were Chair Nabel, Vice Chair Okun and Committee Member Reps Day, Savage and Silver. Also present were Anne Fountain, Director of Health and Jim Federici, Health Department.

Chair Nabel called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. WQ29.004	ORDINANCE, <u>for publication</u> ; Amending Chapter 143, Health Systems of the Code of Ordinances to Add Section 143-15, Testing of Newly Drilled Wells. 03/04/15 – Submitted by Rep. Nabel 03/09/15 – Held at Steering	Held in Committee 5-0-0

Ms. Fountain stated that this is a new ordinance, to require that the testing of new wells include testing for pesticides and uranium in addition to the current requirements. State statutes give her the authority to require this testing. In response to questions from the Committee, she and Mr. Federici stated that:

- There is no need to test for arsenic, as only 1 well out of the 750 tested last year had a significant level of arsenic
- State regulations authorize this testing and other communities in CT do require such testing
- Usually the well driller comes in to get the permit
- The sample taken must be signed off on by the Health Department
- Approximately 15 -20 new wells are drilled each year
- The testing needs to be by a certified tester
- This ordinance does not apply to testing upon the sale of the property and is distinct from the water quality testing offered to homeowners in ordinance

Ms. Fountain agreed to get information for the committee on what other communities

have a similar requirement for newly dug wells.

Committee members discussed adding language giving the Health Director discretion to determine whether there should be testing for other substances in the form of “and such other contaminants as the Director of Health may determine.” A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Nabel, Okun, Day, Savage and Silver in favor.)

Chair Nabel adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Nabel, Chair

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