



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Richard Lyons II., Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, October 29, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center,
888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford CT

The Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. Present were Committee Chair Lyons and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Caterbone, Coppola, DePina, Pia and Zelinsky. Absent/excused were Committee Member Reps. Aposporos, Berns, C. Martin and Mirkin. Also present were Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Gerry Logan, Aquarion; Johnnie Lee, MD., Director of Health; and five members from the Scofieldtown Road area (see attached sign-in sheet).

Chair Lyons called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. PS27.051	RESOLUTION; approving the connection to the public water supply, including extension of water mains and service laterals, of houses located on Alma Rock Rd and Mary Joy Lane and waiving all reimbursement by individual property owners for the costs of such extension	COMMITTEE APPROVED 7-0-0 (as amended)

Dr. Lee began by reviewing the situation:

1. He reviewed a series of maps that were presented that depicted: locations of contaminated wells; types of contaminants; concentration levels of contaminants; and water main extension locations for both projects.
2. He explained that the City has hired an environmental engineering firm, TRC Companies, and they will dig 8 monitoring wells which will be used to help determine the ground water flow direction and identify contamination and levels of concentration. They will also do ground penetrating radar to see if there is a potential source of the contaminations.

3. Water testing is continuing, and they are performing pre and post filtration system testing to assure that the filters are working properly.
4. As water results are received, decisions about where to do further testing are made.
5. For the second project (known as Area II), the water testing is going very slow. The State is only allowing Stamford to submit 5 samples per week, and unless this can be increased, he will look at finding a private lab to continue with testing.

Lou Casolo stated:

1. As part of the TRC study, surface water testing of all bodies of water will also be performed.
2. He reviewed the first phase of the project, and in 13 days, they have put in about 6,000 feet of water main.
3. The next phase of the project is installing hydrants and service connections to the homes. The installation of the laterals is complicated, with each property requiring a separate plan and method.
4. They have building permits for every house that they are going to hook up.
5. The total first phase of the project consists of about 6,000 feet of main and about 8,500 feet of lateral.
6. He has just recently determined that they will go along High Ridge Road for Area II. This determination was made in order to speed the project along. One of the delays they will be able to avoid are certain regulatory approvals needed by the DPUC, and the timing of these are unknown, but could take as long as six months.
7. The cost estimate for Area II has increased from \$750,000 to \$1.4 million.

The State has installed large filtration systems in most of the homes that have contaminated water at State expense. The State has advised the residents that these filters are now on back order, so the City is installing smaller filters at City expense. Dr. Lee stated that both filters are adequate. Committee Members advised the residents to contact their state representatives to help get the State to install the larger filters on the remaining homes.

Mr. Logan from Aquarion reviewed the construction projects, advising that his contractors are working six days a week, and so far they have encountered less ledge than anticipated. They are now going to start the service laterals. They are working with five partners, and they are prepared to start Area II as soon as all final approvals are received. They are prepared to work through the winter and are not charging any additional costs for their extra efforts. Mr. Casolo stated that he has drafted the construction agreements. Area II will require 3,000 linear feet of line for the main.

Chair Lyons stated that the second additional appropriation will be taken up the night of the Board Meeting, and he assured the residents that this item will not get lost during the change over from the 27th to the 28th Board.

Mr. Casolo noted that all reports regarding Scofieldtown are on the City's website.

A motion to amend the resolution to include Sky Meadow Drive, Haviland Road and a portion of High Ridge Road was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote (see [attached resolution](#) with highlighted changes).

A motion to approve the resolution, as amended, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Lyons allowed the residents to ask questions of Dr. Lee, Mr. Casolo and Mr. Logan. At the conclusion of the questions and answers, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.