

Town of Proctor Selectboard Special Meeting
July 15, 2010
7:00 – 9:20 P.M.

Board Members Present

Rick Anderson, Chair
Bill Dritschilo
Susan Feenick
Lloyd Hughes
Dick Norris

Employees Present

Todd Blow, Chief Operator
Steffanie Bourque, Town Administrator

Other Guests Present

See attached sign-in sheet
PEG-TV

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Lloyd Hughes made the motion at 7:05 p.m. to convene the Board of Water Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Dick Norris and unanimously approved.

II. Purpose

The purpose of the special meeting was to explain how the Board of Water Commissioners has come to its decision regarding the discontinuation of water service to the outer district (customers in Chittenden and Pittsford). Local public television was invited to document the meeting.

III. Presentation

The Board and its engineer, Kevin Smith, made a presentation (see attached) which addressed the following in detail:

- The current public drinking water system deficiencies,
- The decision to transition to a groundwater only water system,
- The process followed to address the challenge to continue service to the outer district once the transition to groundwater is complete,
- The range of technical alternatives that were explored to continue service to the outer district and their associated costs (see attached),
- The funding options explored to date,
- The decision reached by the Board of Water Commissioners that public good and necessity requires the discontinuation of water service to the outer district and the basis for this decision;
- What the Board of Water Commissioners intends to do to assist with the development of alternate source(s) of supply for the outer district;
- The proposed schedule for the bond vote and ultimate disconnection; and
- Additional resources available to the outer district customers for technical and financial assistance.

IV. Open Public Comment

Following the presentation, there was a 45 minute question and answer period. The nature of the questions raised is summarized here:

- There were questions regarding what the cost estimates for each technical alternative include.
- There were questions about the legal standard identified in 24 VSA § 3410 and rights provided in property deeds via the original easement for the transmission main.
- There were questions about what is going to be done with the transmission main and the Corn Hill service connection.
- There was a request to make copies of the presentation available to the public – it was agreed the presentation would be posted on the municipal website at www.proctorvermont.com.

- There were questions about when a decision will be made about the amount of money earmarked for the outer district, how the bond article will be structured, and how the money will be allocated.
- There were questions regarding whether the decision to discontinue service is final.
- There were questions as to whether the individual outer district customers should also contact Senators Leahy and Sanders regarding federal financial support.
- There were questions as to how the outer district should move forward and requests for help in organizing themselves. It was agreed the Town will disseminate a customer contact list to all outer district customers.
- Tom Clark, of the Rural Communities Assistance Program, and Tim Raymond, of the State Water Supply Division, provided information on their programs, how they can assist the outer district, and clarification on what a fire district is.
- Alan Hitchcock, of the Pittsford Board of Water Commissioners, clarified that the Town of Pittsford has only agreed to a manual connection between the Proctor and Pittsford water systems.

V. Adjourn

Susan Feenick made the motion at 9:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners and resume the meeting of the Selectboard. The motion was seconded by Lloyd Hughes and unanimously approved.

Lloyd Hughes made the motion at 9:20 p.m. to adjourn the July 15, 2010 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Dritschilo and unanimously approved.