

**Town of Proctor Selectboard
Bond Vote Informational Meeting
August 23, 2010
5:00 – 7:30 P.M.**

Board Members Present

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

W. Scott Erickson
Rhoda Grace
Patricia Guyette
Diane Hall
Ruth Hall
Steve Hall
John Jozwiak
Helen Kabastura
Lee Kahrs, Brandon-Pittsford Reporter
Richard Kelleway
Celia Lisananti
Joe Manning
Stephanie Manning
Grace McCullough
Claire Molnar
Bill Perkins
Tim Raymond, Water Supply Division
Peter Rimsa
Rita Rinehart
Ted Schaft
Rhonda Shippee, USDA Rural Development
George Smith
Kevin Smith, Marble Valley Engineering

Employees Present

Todd Blow, Chief Operator
Steffanie Bourque, Town Administrator
Vincent Gatti, PVFD Chief Operator
Brian Sanderson, Road Commissioner

Other Guests Present

Vanessa Anderson
Carol Ault
Ray Ault
Bruce Baccei
Ray Beyette
Bud Chehy
John Conant
Steve Crowley, Kulig & Sullivan Attorneys
Kathleen Dodge
Kevin Duggan

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order – Meeting Purpose

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. and began with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The purpose of the special meeting was to explain the proposed public drinking water system capital improvements and the financing thereof.

II. Informational Meeting Presentation

Rick Anderson explained the cost for each project element in the proposed drinking water system capital improvements and how the Board will proceed with a positive bond vote to secure funding for the project. He introduced Tim Raymond and Rhonda Shippee and asked them to provide a brief explanation of the state and federal funding programs.

Tim Raymond, of the Water Supply Division, provided a general overview of the State's Drinking Water Revolving Fund loan program for funding water system capital improvements. Rhonda Shippee, of the USDA Rural Development, provided a general overview of their Water and Waste Disposal Program. She noted their program's ARRA funding is fully committed at this time and Proctor would need to use regular program funding through their FY2011 budget.

Rick Anderson then provided a historical account of the milestones leading up to this project proposal. He reviewed the project goals – to improve 1) water quality, 2) water pressure, and 3) fire protection. Anderson stressed that if the Board is not successful in obtaining an acceptable funding package, then they will need to re-evaluate the project scope with the town’s engineer to explore the least detrimental cut backs. He emphasized not placing an undue burden on the rate payers.

Board members and Vincent Gatti, the Proctor Fire Chief, each gave statements regarding the proposed improvements.

III. Question and Answer Session

Following the presentation, there was approximately one and a half hours for questions from the public. A summary of the nature of the questions raised is provided here:

- The engineering costs for the project.
- Whether the improvements allow for future growth.
- What the estimated costs for each project element include.
- What the Outer District Assistance includes and whether the town has a legal obligation to offer financial assistance to the outer district.
- How the user rates will be impacted and when the rates will go up.
- Likelihood of receiving a 45% grant from the Rural Development Program.
- What Susan Feenick suggests for alternatives to the proposed project.
- What the Board will do if we do not receive any grant.
- Use of public water system and necessary improvements for fire protection instead of utilizing dry hydrants.
- Whether the surface water infrastructure can be transformed into some asset rather than abandoned.
- Why the well has already been drilled and whether the existing sources are still viable.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.