



Council Committee Notes - Water/Sewer

Date: September 1, 2010 **Time:** 8:30 AM **Location:** Town Hall **Chair:** Councilmember John Smith **Attendees:** Council members John Smith, Mayor Raymond Booth, Town Manager Tom Saunders, Field Utilities Superintendent James Seagle, Bill Rosenbaum – Progress Engineers

Visitors: none

Notes on Discussions:

1. The Committee discussed the advisability of allowing private shallow wells for irrigation within the town. Mayor Booth expressed his opinion that such wells should be allowed without any taxation or fee from the Town. TM Saunders reported that in conversations with ground water experts he learned that using unconfined shallow aquifers for irrigation is looked upon favorably as a way to reduce demand on the deeper potable aquifers but that there may be issues at VDH and DEQ concerning cross connections.
2. Staff advised the committee on the following items:
 - a. The sewer force main right of way from Hills Quarter to Harris Road needs to be opened up to allow maintenance access. Work will be done this winter by a local contractor
 - b. Bill Rosenbaum continues to work on having the new cyanide and hydrogen sulfide limits removed from our permit requirements.
 - c. Repair of water leaks on W. Church, School St., and Irvington Road have been completed. Work remains to be done on a bad service line on E. Church.
 - d. The bid documents for the next phase of the MBR project – water and sewer lines from approx. Dilvers Lane to near Harris Road are ready for distribution.
 - e. Design work for the Mercer Place water line extension is well along.
 - f. Church Street water tower painting was to commence on 9/1. (delayed until approx. 9/20)
 - g. VA Rural Water to conduct 40 hr. training Sept. 20th week in Kilmarnock on Cross Connection Control. Town receives 1 complimentary registrant. (since cancelled)

Recommendations to Council:

Recommended for further study:

Implications for the town of allowing shallow (<200') wells in town for private irrigation use. Get input from DEQ and VDH; estimate effects on water system revenue