

PITTSFIELD AQUEDUCT PURCHASE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 19TH, 2017

Members Present:

Bill Elkins (BE)
Gerard Leduc (GL)
Bill Miskoe (BM)
Ralph Odell (RO)
Fred Okrent (chair) (FO)

Guests Present: Fred Hast (FH), Clayton Wood (CW), Paul Colby (PC), Erica Anthony (EA), Jim Allard (JA)
Adam Gauthier (AG).

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by FO.

The chair thanked those in attendance for coming out. He then read the criteria for inclusion/exclusion of parcels used by the committee in drawing up the initial list of parcels to be included in the district (attached). He then stated that the customer list requested after the Selectboard Hearing on the proposed boundaries had not yet been received, but that the Town Administrator had e-mailed a spreadsheet used for reconciliation between water users and sewer users. This spreadsheet had been received the day before and there had been no time to begin comparison between the lists.

CW asked if people would be forced to connect to the system. FO answered no. PC then stated that state law required hookup if a parcel was <30 ft from a main. BM answered that that was a matter for zoning/health enforcement. The exception would be for areas with very low pressure.

PC requested (written request) copies of all minutes. FO stated that they would be supplied. He also stated that minutes had been forwarded to the website committee and the town clerk. PC stated that he could find only one set of minutes on the website and had not asked the Town Clerk for any copies. CW checked his records and stated that the minutes had been forwarded to the committee but had somehow eluded being published.

PC added that he would be glad to join the committee and lend his expertise but he could not make Wednesday night meetings due to work commitments. FO stated the meetings would be moved to Tuesday nights that did not have a Selectboard meeting.

AG questioned the methodology used in generating the "list" of parcels. BM answered that we had used the best information we had and that many people had mentioned changes to the list at the public hearing, but, as of yet, none had shown up at the committee meeting, which had been announced at the hearing and published on the website. In addition, there had been no submissions to the e-mail address published at the same time.

FH gave a review of previous attempts to acquire the Aqueduct.

There was a short discussion on the benefits of forming a district and acquiring the water system, points which have been amply covered in previous publication.

PC agreed to e-mail his list of lots which should be included to the chair.

The next meeting will be August 15 (Tuesday) at 7:00 PM.

BM motioned for adjournment, 2nd by GL. Motion passed 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Okrent

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The choice of parcels to include or exclude in the proposed Village District was made on criteria decided on by the committee after consultation with our consultant. The criteria for inclusion are:

1. Parcels in the urban district. (Maps beginning with “U”)
2. Parcels abutting or adjoining Berry Pond.
3. Parcels lining the pipeline corridor from Berry Pond to the current treatment plant.
4. Parcels lining the corridor to the sewage treatment plant.
5. Parcels in the urban district having their own wells.

The criteria for exclusion are:

1. Parcels located higher than, at or just below, the elevation of the treatment plant.
2. Parcels located a distance away (>30 ft.) from the existing distribution system.

Parcels excluded under 1 above may be incorporated into the district upon:

- a. Application of the parcel owner/occupant.
- b. Agreement to fund an agreed upon portion of the cost of installing a pump station and a higher usage rate scale than non-pumped users.
- c. Agreement to remain a water system user for an agreed-upon period.
- d. Approval of the voters of the District.

Parcels excluded under 2 above may be incorporated into the district upon:

- a. Application of the parcel owner/occupant.
- b. Agreement to fund an agreed upon portion of the cost of extending the water main system.
- c. Agreement to remain a water system user for an agreed-upon period.
- d. Approval of the voters of the District.