CTWWA MEETING NOTES
January 26, 2021

“Zoom” Virtual Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

➢ GUEST SPEAKER:
  • None

➢ SECRETARY REPORT:
  • The minutes were accepted from 10/20 meeting.

➢ TREASURER REPORT:
  • All bills paid.

➢ CORRESPONDENCE:
  • No report

➢ LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:
  • Senator Anwar has introduced S.B. No. 9: AN ACT CONCERNING THE EFFECTS OF SODIUM CHLORIDE ON PRIVATE WELLS AND PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES for this legislative session.
  • Senator Champagne has introduced S.B. No. 61 AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL WELLS CONTAMINATED BY ROAD SALTS for this legislative session.

➢ OLD BUSINESS:
  • Private Well Task Force---regs still under review at DPH and CWWA is no longer being kept informed of revisions or progress.
  • Well completion reports---new on-line submission process for CT. A demo is available to see how it will work.

➢ NEW BUSINESS:
  • Election of officers---Paul Hurlburt, President; Jeremiah Weid, Vice President; Bob McCormack, Treasurer; and Frank Lineberry, Secretary
  • George Sima is stepping down from the Plumbing Board. A new board member will need to be nominated by CWWA.
  • Sodium and Chloride Task Force---a meeting was held in December attended by CWWA members Paul Hurlburt, Jeremiah Weid, and Carri Lineberry, and by Tiziana Shea from the DPH Private Well Program and Veronica Tanguay from DEEP. The discussion focused on the issue of sodium and chloride entering our water supply and the impact on private wells. Road salts have been
identified as a contributing factor, which led to the implementation of the GreenSnow Pro Program to educate municipalities and contractors on proper road salt application procedures. Roni from DEEP is in the process of connecting with others in the department in order to re-organize the sodium chloride work group with DEEP and DOT.

- Group discussion about registering our businesses for the coronavirus vaccine through the DPH VAMS on-line enrollment system. Our industry is considered “essential” and we will qualify as front line workers when the time comes. Keep checking the DPH website.
- Discussion about the idea of reinstating regional CWWA meetings. The idea is to spread the work and mission of the association throughout the state, make meetings more accessible, to get more CWWA members involved, and to attract new members.
- Connecticut technical schools are offering J2 classes. See email recently sent out to association members for website link and more information.

➢ RAFFLE: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next meeting 2/23/21 via Zoom
CTWWA MEETING NOTES
May 25, 2021
In Person Meeting @ Chuck’s
Meeting called to order @ 6:15 pm

➢ SECRETARY REPORT:
   • The minutes were accepted from 3/23/21 meeting.

➢ TREASURER REPORT:
   • No report

➢ CORRESPONDENCE:
   • No report

➢ LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:
   • Discussed proposed bill SB1031 re: Green Snow Pro program and road salts
     o Bill did not pass---DEEP and local health departments do not have resources ($ and staff)
       to oversee
     o The program is still voluntary for towns to participate in through UConn

➢ OLD BUSINESS:
   • In the process of getting new contact at DEEP to re-visit the water treatment wastewater
     discharge issue and draining to surface
     o Paul to follow up with DEEP contact
   • Geothermal regulations---need to follow up

➢ NEW BUSINESS:
   • Working on training program for J2 licenses
     o Paul has been in touch with Penn Foster
     o Exploring idea of a “water treatment only” license, and then working up to licensure for
       pump work
     o Need help with training----possibly integrate vendor provided training (i.e., Goulds for
       pumps)??
       o Goal is to offer virtual training----Google Classroom???
   • Well drilling reports now on-line
     o GPS coordinates needed
     o Need to record more information on rock type
• Planning fall workshop for J license CE credits—to be in person

➢ RAFFLE: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm
CTWWA MEETING NOTES

September 28, 2021

In Person Meeting @ Chuck’s

Meeting called to order @ 7:52 pm

➢ SECRETARY REPORT:
  • Minutes accepted from 5/25/21 meeting

➢ TREASURER REPORT:
  • No report

➢ CORRESPONDENCE:
  • No report

➢ LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:
  • Geothermal regulations still under review at DCP
  • No updates regarding Private Well Task Force or Sodium & Chloride

➢ OLD BUSINESS:
  • Well drilling reports on-line
    o No permit # and confusing to health department staff
  • Geothermal regulations---need to follow up and find out current status
    o Concerns expressed by members regarding out-of-state companies coming into CT and drilling geothermal wells without licenses or permits
    o Concerns expressed by members regarding expediency of new licenses being issued to out-of-state drillers
    o Concerns have been raised with DCP since 2007
    o Member suggested reaching out to sanitarians to increase awareness of these issues and gain support
    o Suggestions to reach out to CT legislators to bring issues of concern to their attention, gain support, and work on them through legislation
    o CWWA stance is to support the enforcement of having licensed and insured drillers to drill any type of well
    o Aaron to draft letter---to be distributed to state rep’s
  • Working on training program for J2 licenses----no update on progress

➢ NEW BUSINESS:
  • Plan next workshop for J license CE credits for winter/early spring 2022
    o Unable to organize workshop for fall 2021---unable to find presenters for in person event and suitable venue
    o Trying to get permission to be able to offer the presenter to be remote to instruct the in person group
  • Suggestion to offer training program to sanitarians. Done in the past and very well received. Sanitarians not trained on septic or wells.

➢ RAFFLE: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm
CTWWA MEETING NOTES
November 2, 2021
In Person Meeting @ Chuck’s
Meeting called to order @ 6:44 pm

➢ **SECRETARY REPORT:**
  • Minutes accepted from 9/28/21 meeting

➢ **TREASURER REPORT:**
  • All bills paid

➢ **CORRESPONDENCE:**
  • No report

➢ **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**
  • Proposed Well Drilling & Geothermal regulations at the Governor’s office and open for public comments until 11/22/21
  • No updates regarding Private Well Task Force or Code Advisory Committee

➢ **OLD BUSINESS:**
  • Well Drilling & Geothermal regulations
    o Up for public comment until 11/22/21
    o Urging members to make public comments----need to email membership to notify them on status of reg’s and encourage public comments
    o Important in the well business to get permits signed for hardship situations
    o Aaron shared recommended addendum to proposed regulations pertaining to replacement well permits----allowing local Directors of Health to use their discretion to issue replacement well permits in cases where meeting health code separation distances is not possible or would create an undue hardship
    o CWWA stance is to support the enforcement of having licensed and insured drillers to drill any type of well

➢ **NEW BUSINESS:**
  • Next workshop for J license CE credits to be held 12/4/21 (8:30 am to 12:00 pm)
    o 3 hour/3 CEU program on OSHA related topics
    o May be approved for operators CEU’s
    o To be held in Danbury
    o Continental breakfast and box lunches to be served
  • Discussion of plans for another workshop winter/spring 2022
    o Bob looking for speakers and for suggestions on who to contact to speak
  • Discussed inviting Senator Cathy Osten to the next CTWWA meeting
    o Follow up to previous suggestions to reach out to CT legislators to bring issues of concern to their attention, gain support, and work on them through legislation
    o Concerns = regs, WT wastewater disposal, Na & Cl, PFAS, continuing ed rules/limitations
  • Nomination for Frank Lineberry as Secretary---nomination seconded
  • Board elections to be held at next meeting

➢ **RAFFLE:** None

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm
CTWWA MEETING NOTES

November 23, 2021

In Person Meeting @ Chuck’s

Meeting called to order @ 7:02 pm

➢ SECRETARY REPORT:
  • Minutes accepted from 11/2/21 meeting

➢ TREASURER REPORT:
  • No report

➢ CORRESPONDENCE:
  • No report

➢ LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:
  • Proposed Well Drilling & Geothermal regulations at the Governor’s office and public comment period ended 11/22/21
  • No updates regarding Private Well Task Force or Code Advisory Committee

➢ OLD BUSINESS:
  • CWWA submitted public comment in support of proposed Well Drilling & Geothermal regulations
  • Next workshop for J license CE credits to be held 12/4/21 (8:30 am to 12:00 pm) in Danbury
  • Spring workshop----need speakers

➢ NEW BUSINESS:
  • Discussed concerns w/Senator Cathy Osten
    o Proposed well drilling and geothermal regulations
    o Water treatment wastewater disposal
    o Sodium and chloride issues and well contamination
    o PFAS
    o J1 & J2 training and continuing education----need for instructors at tech schools
  • Board elections held----members remain the same, Paul Hurlbut = President, Jeremiah Weid = Vice President, Bob McCormack = Treasurer, and Frank Lineberry = Secretary,

➢ RAFFLE: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm