CTWWA MEETING NOTES
March 22, 2022
In Person Meeting @ Chuck’s
Meeting called to order @ 6:45 pm

➢ SECRETARY REPORT:
  • Minutes accepted from 2/22/22 meeting

➢ TREASURER REPORT:
  • All bills paid and accounts current

➢ CORRESPONDENCE:
  • No report

➢ LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:
  • CT Atty General’s office signed off on Well Drilling & Geothermal regulations, and they have been submitted to the Regulation Review Committee.
    o CTWWA will continue to monitor the progress and find out if this regulation will be discussed at the April meeting.
  • Raised Bill No. 240 (“An Act Concerning the Use of Sodium Chloride to Mitigate Snow and Ice Accumulations”) is a new bill proposed during the Feb legislative session regarding sodium and chloride. Similar to the one proposed and not passed in 2021 and 2020.
    o “Green Snow Pro” program involves training in best management practices through UConn’s Tech Transfer Center and certification for municipalities and contractors that apply salt and de-icing agents. Goal is to reduce environmental impact of salt applications.
    o Program offers liability protection to certified contractors
    o Section 5 of proposed bill contains new language that is of concern:
      “Sec. 5. (NEW) (Effective from passage) Any person, as defined in section 1-1 of the general statutes, who installs residential water treatment systems, including, but not limited to, automatic water softeners or tanks, shall test a customer’s drinking water for the presence of sodium and chloride prior to making any recommendation to such customer or potential customer regarding the installation of an automatic water softener or tank. Such testing shall be performed by an environmental laboratory registered pursuant to section 19a-29a of the general statutes.”
    o CTWWA found out about the proposed bill on Fri 3/4/22 and the deadline to submit public testimony was Mon 3/7/22.
    o Paul Hurlbut, Jeremiah Weid, Frank and Carri Lineberry all submitted written public testimony expressing concerns about having to test the water at a state certified lab for sodium and chloride prior to making a recommendation to install a water softener.
    o Paul and Jeremiah attended the (virtual) public hearing on Mon 3/7/22 and gave their testimonies.
    o CTWWA will email members details on the bill and how to submit testimony. We will share the testimonies submitted by Paul, Jeremiah, Frank and Carri.
    o Paul spoke with his state representative about this bill and the concerns for our industry.
    o Carri is keeping in touch with Senator Cathy Osten’s office regarding this issue.
➢ **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - Spring workshop scheduled for Thu 4/28/22
    - Approved for J1 and J2 license CEU’s
    - Not approved for P, J3, or J4 licenses
    - Invited sanitarians to workshop at no charge
  - No updates on PFAS issue
  - No updates regarding Private Well Task Force (next meeting was supposed to be in Mar 2022). The next Code Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 4/11/22.

➢ **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - Members proposed starting meetings at 6:00 pm instead of 6:30 pm.
    - Motion was raised and approved
  - Bob will contact insurance agent regarding insurance policy and special rider needed for stand-alone events, such as upcoming workshop.
  - Discussion about connecting with sanitarians to encourage education and training of issues of concern regarding the well drilling and water treatment industries
    - Ask sanitarians (CEHA) about what issues they are interested in and try to include in future trainings (i.e., hydrofracture, demo re: subsurface discharge, etc.)

➢ **RAFFLE:** None

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm