CTWWA MEETING NOTES
May 24, 2022
In Person Meeting @ Chuck’s
Meeting called to order @ 6:45 pm

➢ SECRETARY REPORT:
  • Minutes accepted from 3/22/22 meeting

➢ TREASURER REPORT:
  • All bills paid and accounts current

➢ CORRESPONDENCE:
  • No report

➢ LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:
  • The Well Drilling & Geothermal regulations were REJECTED by the Regulation Review Committee on 5/24/22.
    o Concerns raised by Dandelion Energy and King Energy, LLC on 5/9/22 regarding Section 25-128-39b Closed-loop geothermal system fluid #3 and Section25-128-49a Geothermal bore hole termination
    o Above-mentioned energy companies have issue with Section 25-128-39b Closed-loop geothermal system fluid #3 requiring a maximum of 20% glycol in the closed loop---want regulation to allow 25% propylene glycol (or potassium acetate)
    o Above-mentioned energy companies have issue with Section25-128-49a Geothermal bore hole termination requiring blasting or jack-hammering in bedrock in order to install the header piping from the vertical geothermal closed loop bore hole to the home at least 4’ deep----want to be able to insulate the piping with closed cell spray foam.
    o The following organizations submitted a letter to the LRRC and Governor Lamont requesting that the proposed regulation be rejected “until such time that revised regulations can be considered that appropriately address the clear distinctions between well drilling and the drilling associated with installation of geothermal systems”:
      ▪ Save the Sound, Acadia Center, Environment CT, People’s Action for Clean Energy (PACE), Conservation Law Foundation, and Climate Reality Project
    o Dandelion Energy, King energy, LLC, and above-mentioned environmental groups comments resulted in LRRC rejection to allow more time to review issues and update proposed regulation
    o LRRC members (Sen. Osten and one other) urged DCP and the Committee to not delay in making corrections and bringing to vote again at the next meeting.
  
  • Raised Bill No. 240 (“An Act Concerning the Use of Sodium Chloride to Mitigate Snow and Ice Accumulations”) was proposed during the Feb legislative session regarding sodium and chloride. Similar to the one proposed and not passed in 2021 and 2020.
    o Last version of the bill dropped the liability protection section and kept the section about any person/organization recommending a water softener must supply information on sodium and chloride prior to making a recommendation
    o Bill NOT passed
OLD BUSINESS:
- Spring workshop was held on Thu 4/28/22---big success with 95 attendees
  - $3,100 profit for CTWWA
- No updates on PFAS issue
- No updates regarding Private Well Task Force (next meeting was supposed to be in Mar 2022).
- Code Advisory Committee meeting was held on 4/11/22
  - Discussion about draining water treatment wastewater to daylight

NEW BUSINESS:
- Plan to hold another training workshop for CEU credits in the fall/winter
  - Would like to have more vendors next time and allow more time for participants to interact with the vendors
  - Consider holding workshop during the week??
- Discussion about a few cases of people receiving a J1 license without going through the usual process of taking classes and on-the-job training as a registered apprentice. They were allowed to take the J2 and J1 exams consecutively.
  - Some CTWWA members have filed complaints with DCP
  - Unable to obtain information as to how this was allowed
- Discussion about donating to the Water Quality Research Foundation. A $1,000 donation was suggested, voted on, and approved.

RAFFLE: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm