



Stamford Water Quality – Board of Representatives

Susan Nabel, Chair

Gail Okun, Vice Chair

Notice of Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center, 888
Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Stamford Water Quality Committee met at the above date and time. In attendance were Chair Nabel and Committee Member Reps. Okun, Savage and Silver. Absent or excused was Rep. Day. Also present were Jennifer Calder, Director of Health; and Jim Federici, Lab Director.

Chair Nabel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1 WQ29.009	REVIEW; Testing Numbers, Results and Costs of Stamford Well Water Testing Program. 10/04/17 – Submitted by Rep. Nabel	Report Made

Mr. Federici and Dr. Calder reviewed the current water testing program with the Committee, which is set to expire in December:

- The City has tested 2443 private wells to date
- The City has tested 103 wells this year
- The percentages have remained consistent: 12% above the action level for uranium, less than 1% for arsenic and less than 4% for pesticides
- There are 5200 wells in Stamford (the others may have tested privately) and the Health Dept. has data on almost ½ of the wells.
- In the 4% of wells that tested above action levels for pesticides, there is no geographic concentration in the City; the uranium results are similar
- The program is budgeted for the current fiscal year, through June 2018.
- Use of the program is tapering off despite outreach.
- The City does not know how much private testing has occurred, or what the results are, since there is no mandatory reporting
- The State water plan is currently out for review

Dr. Calder, Mr. Federici and the Committee discussed where to go from here. Dr. Calder discussed that she would like to be able to determine if there are problems in specific areas or if there are recurrent problems at a location so that the City can provide

guidance. She would like to see mandatory reporting of any testing done on a well, including E. coli, and lead. . She understands the privacy concerns, and the City would not disclose this information, although it is subject to the Freedom of Information laws. Education is a component. There should be more testing at the time of property sale. When a test is done in connection with a change in property ownership, maybe the City should send out something suggesting what types of additional testing should be done. The City is planning to include information for homeowners on the website. The Stamford Board of Realtors should be brought in for education purposes.

Any ordinance requiring reporting of well testing would need to be taken up by the next Board.

The Committee will contact the Law Department to confirm whether or not the Health Department can continue to conduct testing after the ordinance expires, since there is still money budgeted for testing.

Committee members discussed whether this committee should be re-established in the 30th Board, or if there should be a more general committee focused on the environment.

The Committee concurred with Dr. Calder and the Health Department that there should be education, continued testing and mandatory reporting taken up by the 30th Board. This will probably require input from the Law Department.

This ordinance has done its job, in that the original motivation was concern that there was massive contamination in a particular area of the City, but it has been shown that there is not.

Chair Nabel adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Nabel, Chair

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