

TOWN OF PORTLAND INFORMATIONAL MEETING
PROPOSED WATER DISTRICT 8
DECEMBER 17, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.
PORTLAND TOWN HALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Schrantz Supervisor
Jerry Boltz Councilman
Rick Manzella Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joel Seachrist Attorney
Drew Smith Water Supervisor
Ann Belcher Reporter
Eric Wies Clark Patterson-Lee
Roxane Sobecki Town Clerk
Approximately 26 residents

Supervisor Schrantz opened the informational meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Schrantz stated the purpose of this meeting is to supply residents with information about receiving public water. The public water would go along the Webster Road corridor from Route 380 to Munson Road. The Town of Portland Board has received interest from several residents about obtaining water. After the storm in July the County offered free well testing due to multiple reports of poor well water quality. The testing indicated a very high percentage of the wells had total coliform and E. Coli present. This project would be eligible to receive emergency grant funding due to the flooding from July.

Eric Wies engineer for Clark Patterson Lee presented information to the residents of the project overview, grant opportunities and cost. A handout was given to explain how a water district is created, a map showing the district and cost. The annual payment would be included on resident's property taxes. A funding package has not been obtained for the project, but based on similar projects and guidelines provided by the USDA-RD the estimated project capital costs:

Total Estimated Capital Cost	\$2,028,000
Estimated USDA Grant	\$1,250,000
Net Local Project Costs	\$778,000
Annual Debt Services (38years, 2.4%)	\$31,349
Estimated Debt Service/Unit	\$462.34 per year on residents tax bill

The water cost per year for a single family residential home is roughly \$516.00; the total estimated annual cost to residents is \$980 per year. Mr. Wies reviewed the timeline for the project; due to the emergency situation this proposed project could possible start next year. Mr. Wies and the Board reviewed the difference between public water and private water. Many residents voiced their opinions, some opposing and some in favor of the proposed district. Supervisor Schrantz stated this is the best option due to the emergency status, but this will be up to what the people want.

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By a show of hands residents voted in favor or opposed. With the vote slightly in favor of the district Supervisor Schrantz stated a water survey will be sent to each property owner in the proposed water district to see if residents in the proposed district would like the Town to pursue this further.

Supervisor Schrantz thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Roxane Sobecki
Town Clerk