

**APRIL 20, 2016
PUBLIC HEARING**

Southwest Water District Establishment

7:07 P.M.

Present: Supervisor Post
Deputy Supervisor Underhill
Councilwoman White
Councilwoman Michalak
Councilman Zambito

Others Present: Town Clerk Morasco
Town Engineer Mountain
17 Constituents

Supervisor called the Public Hearing to order at 7:07 P.M. and the Supervisor presented the notice as published in the Daily News.

The following people spoke:

Annie Lawrence- Resides on Brown Road, Town of Pembroke wasn't aware that a petition was circulated. She asked the Town to consider Pembroke's interest in this district. The Town of Pembroke has a plan that was prepared by Clark Patterson Lee six years ago for this area. It would be greatly appreciated.

Elizabeth Benton-Huber- With being on a limited budget, Ms. Huber asked when the debt service tax would start and if they have a design of what side of the road the waterline will be on. The Supervisor informed that the soonest it would be on the taxes would be 2018 and there is no design. The district has to be formed and then an application needs to be completed and sent to the Comptroller for approval.

David Horning- Mr. Horning wanted to know when the project would get started. The Supervisor and Town Engineer stated that it depends on the funding agency and the Comptrollers approval, it could be as early as late fall.

Dan Allen- Mr. Allen wanted to know if they would be notified of the start date and if there will be upfront costs to the homeowners. The Supervisor informed that the residents will be notified of their obligations and such and the information will be available on the website. The upfront cost to the homeowner will be the service connection from the home and the water bill. The debt service tax will be on the annual Town/County tax bill.

Elizabeth Benton-Huber- Questioned if there is funding for low interest loans for qualified individuals. There is through the USDA Rural Development.

Norm Brockenshire- Questioned if an owner can opt out of the district. The Supervisor informed you won't have to hook up but will obligated to pay for the bond and indebtedness service.

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Dave Horning- Questioned whether they can keep their well or not. The Supervisor informed that yes but there is an obligation to maintain and protect the public system.

Supervisor Post declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:23 P.M. as no one else spoke for or against on the Establishment of the Southwest Water District.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa M. Morasco
Town Clerk