TOWN OF READING WATER DISTRICT MEETING January 12, 2022 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Supervisor S. Miller, Councilperson P. Gill, Councilperson C. Richtmyer, Councilperson C. Stamp, Clerk T. Alger.

Reading residents by location were invited to a informational public meeting via Zoom and In Person to discuss water supply concerns and the interest in creating a new water district in the Town of Reading.

Those invited had residences on County Road 30, County Road 28, St. Rt. 14, St. Rt. 14A, Cemetery Road, Church Road, and County Line Road,

Catherine Rees, Water Resources Specialist, from RCAP Solutions was the host of the Zoom meeting and In Person meeting to answer questions residents may have about a survey they received to determine if there was a water supply problem in these select areas of the Town of Reading.

Concerns and questions were addressed in the following areas,

-How long would it take to create a new Water District?
-Will it reduce residents water bill that currently live on County Road 30 (Salt Point Road)?
-Will the chlorine in the water affect sewer systems?
-How much would it cost?
-Are grants available to fund this?
-Would residents be able to decline the water service if it ran by their residence?
-If a resident decided at a later time to join the water district, would it be allowed?

A negative response was received by a resident who has concerns that all the Reading residents would pay for the project with increased taxes to benefit a few.

Residents were informed it would be a long term project.

Residents were encouraged to mail back the survey they received in the mail with any questions they may have and to determine if there is enough interest to pursue and/or begin an engineering study for the development of a new water district.

Meeting ended at 7:40 PM