

**TOWN OF NEW HAVEN PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING PROPOSED WATER SERVICE
AREA #6 HELD MARCH 10, 2014 6:30 PM**

Attendance: There were approximately 55 residents, in addition to, Supervisor Sturtz, Councilwoman Prosser, Councilman Rombough, Councilman Wells, and Town Clerk Allen in attendance. Bob Guminiak and Jay Berkman represented C2ae.

Purpose of Meeting: To hear comments in favor of and opposed to the formation of proposed public water service area #6. Notice of Public Hearing was legally advertised and posted. Letters were also sent to homeowners in the district informing them of the meeting.

Presentation: Robert Guminiak presented the proposed water district and explained the benefits, what is involved in implementation, and the cost. The first year fixed cost per EDU (the amount that will be on the tax bill) is \$562. The estimated water usage cost is \$217/year (based on 175 gallons per day). Up to 75 feet of water line will be installed from the right-of-way in towards the home, or if the home is less than 85 feet from the right-of-way the line will stop 10 feet of the home. The homeowner is responsible for installation of the remainder of the line. The estimated cost for the homeowner to hookup the last 10 feet is \$500 - \$700. If the line stops more than 10 feet from the home the cost will be higher. The vote on the proposed water service area will be held between 60 & 75 days from the date of this meeting. Every individual who is eligible to vote will be sent a letter to the last known address. Town clerk Allen read the rules for voting. The rules for voting and a copy of the handout from this meeting will be included with the letter informing individuals when and where the vote will take place. They will also be available on the town's website at www.newhavenny.com and at the town clerk's office.

Commits:

Richard Carlesco of 254 Butterfly Shores asked why there would be hydrants in wetland areas. He was told that there would be fewer hydrants in areas that would never be developable. He asked about the possibility of doing a shorter term loan to get a better interest rate. He was told that it was not possible.

John Turner of 65 Mason Rd said that he was hoping to get water from Mexico instead of Scriba. He asked if the water would have fluoride and chlorine. He was told that it would have chlorine only.

Jim Orvis of 160 Patricia Lane asked why we were not allowing absentee ballots. He was told that we would have to get special permission from the state to allow absentee ballots, and it is quite involved. The vote is anticipated to be held on the Friday before Memorial Day to accommodate as many of the seasonal residents as possible.

Dave Willis of Butterfly Shores asked what the quality of the private roads would be when the project is finished if they have to put the lines down the middle of the road. He was told that the project specifies how the private roads will be repaired to insure that they are at least as good as they are before the project.

Susan Wood of Butterfly Shores asked why people with agricultural property do not pay. She was told that state law says that vacant properties coded as agricultural do not pay. If there is a residence on the property or they request a tap they have to pay.

Cheryl Ingersoll of 288 Butterfly Shores asked if the private roads would be closed during construction. She was told that there may be a short time that the road would not be accessible to vehicles, but that the town would work with the contractor to try to avoid the busy times on the road if it is necessary to close them. She asked if there was a charge for seasonal shutoff of the water. It is not believed that there is currently a charge.

Tim Teifke of 590 St Rt 104B asked if the town needs to get easements to go down the private roads. He was told that if the project is approved, the town will work on getting the needed easements, and if necessary do so by eminent domain.

Richard Carlesco of 254 Butterfly Shores asked if he could shut off the water himself. He was told that he could put in a shutoff between the tap and his house.

Eric Schwab of 695 St Rt 104B asked if a parcel over 24 acres split by the road would be considered one parcel or two. He was told that if they were on one tax bill it would be considered one parcel if they receive separate tax bills they would be considered two parcels.

Linda Rossiter of Butterfly Shores asked what constitutes developed property. She was told that a parcel with a residence or business is considered developed. A parcel with only a garage with no water would not be considered developed. She asked when the charge would be on the tax bills. She was told most likely 2016.

Tim Farley of 3235 Co Rt 6 asked where to measure from to figure out where the line in towards his house will end. He was told about 75 feet from the right of way.

Pam Birchenough of 3032 Co Rt 6 asked if a homeowner has the line put in going toward the house, but do not hook up, do they have to pay the operation and maintenance? She was told that the operation and maintenance is for the water actually used. If a homeowner does not hook up they do not pay operation and maintenance.

Scott Burns of 220 Potter Rd asked if the lines were being run all the way to the town line. He was told that in some places lines would be run all the way to the town line, Potter Rd being one of them.

Jim Birchenough of 3032 Co Rt 6 asked who was responsible if here is a leak between the curb box and the meter. He was told that for 38 years the Town is responsible for the line put in as part of the project. After that it is the homeowner's responsibility.

Dave Willis of Butterfly Shores asked if he could put in a shutoff in the last 10 feet that he could shutoff himself. He was told that he could.

Kevin Lloyd Of 240 Butterfly Shores asked if residents have some say about where hydrants go. He was told that the town would work with residents to avoid putting hydrants in the way. He asked how the private roads would be built back up. He was told that they would be backfilled with gravel and topped with limestone.

Antoni & Stephanie Dmochowski of 131 Patricia Lane sent a certified letter which was read. They do not want the public water service connected to their home.

Show of Hands: Supervisor Sturtz asked for a show of hands of those who are in favor of forming the district. A majority of those in attendance raised their hands.

Adjournment: Having no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Debra J Allen
New Haven Town Clerk