

Phoenicia Water District Committee
Meeting Minutes
Phoenicia Library
December 17, 2024

In attendance: Kathryn Haber, Kerry Henderson, Barbara Mansfield

K. Haber spoke with Rich Winters at NY Rural Water. He said that he would be happy to come meet with us and Rick after the new year. The aim is to have a manual of operations in the event that anything should happen to Rick. He said his understanding is that Gregory would take over if anything happened to Rick. Rick disputed this during the Committee's first meeting with him, saying that Gregory is not interested in job. The committee seeks Rich and Rick's input on an interim plan for emergency replacement of the Water Super, as well as a plan for a future permanent hire.

B. Mansfield will reach out to Rick for keys.

B. Mansfield will talk to Robert and Ellie about gate at High St—how to keep it clear of snow and gate closed.

K. Haber to ask E. Kneissl to purchase suggested respirators and filters for safety at the current water plant. The Committee may need to make the request during its report to the Town.

Question for Town Office: when was Rick's wife last paid? Rick said only Gregory is paid (to read meters).

The Water Committee is moving to bi-weekly meetings.

Jan 7 at 10 and Jan 21 at 10. Place TBD pending K. Haber's discussion with Rich.

K. Haber to ask Rich about both dates and Kerry to ask Rick after we know when Rich can meet.

Post meeting: Robert Drake said the gate should open out, not in. Committee needs to determine which way it opens, and have it re-hinged to open out if needed. R. Drake made point that unlocking gate in anticipation of snowstorm is reasonable.