

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Lynne Vanderslice

Date: March 17, 2023

Re: March 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting Agenda Items

The following is information for agenda items in advance of Tuesday's meeting.

*Possible Proposed Bonding of Turf Field on Leased Land at Allen's Meadow.* As discussed at our last meeting there are open items to be discussed before making a decision on April 3<sup>rd</sup> as to a bonding proposal for a turf field at Allen's Meadow.

- Lease with CT DOT-Attorney Nick Bamonte will attend the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to present the final terms of the lease.
- Estimated cost and possible funding sources
  - Frank Smeriglio will provide an update on Landtech's work. Final report due date is April 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - Scott Lawrence from WARF will be at our meeting to share WARF's financial commitment for a contribution to the cost of the proposed turf field.
  - BOS to decide amount of bonding request on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Deadline to decide is April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Questions from residents
  - Testing data shared by the Norwalk River Watershed Association
    - Mike Conklin will be at our meeting to discuss current surface water testing for PFAS by Thunderbird Environmental LLC. The packet contains a document with their scope of work.
    - Frank Smeriglio will discuss the watershed maps for the area of the testing.
    - Testing results to be available at the end of the month and will be presented and discussed at our April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
  - Drinking water standards and PFAS
    - The Town of Wilton does not provide public drinking water. Public drinking water is provided by Aquarion and Norwalk's 2<sup>nd</sup> Taxing District
    - More than 30 years ago, Aquarion dug a well on Cannon Road, abutting 15 Cannon Road, which remains closed.
    - In 2018, Aquarion filed an application with CT DEEP to pump 1+ million gallons from the well. The Town engaged a consultant to analyze. Based on the analysis, the Town opposed the application. Following a CT DEEP public hearing, Aquarion withdrew their application. The well remains closed. Read reporting at the time [here](#) , [here](#) , [here](#) , [here](#) , and [here](#).
    - Beginning in 2013, the EPA has "required providers of public drinking water serving more than 10,000 individuals to test for [6 PFAS](#)." (source CT DPH). The EPA has provided recommendations, not regulations.

- Beginning in 2016, the State of CT adopted “[CT public drinking water actions levels](#)” for 4 PFAS. In 2019, a CT Task Force led by DEEP and DPH released an [Action Plan](#). CT provides recommendations, not regulations. Aquarion’s testing results are easily available on their [website](#).
- This past Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, the EPA [issued](#) a proposal to “create a national drinking standard” and regulate 6 PFAS. If adopted, Aquarion and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Taxing District would presumably be required to meet those standards and, if necessary, install treatment systems. The federal government is already providing funding for treatment systems. CT received \$19 million last month.
- Potential future liabilities
  - Attorney Nick Bamonte will address at our April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting

*Update -Verizon Submitted Application for the Cell Tower at the Bus Barn.* Verizon submitted their application, which should be available on the CT Siting Council [website](#) tonight or Monday.

*Inquiry Regarding Consideration of Draft Language Changes to Alcohol Ordinance to Allow Beer Manufacturing.* Michael Wrinn and I met with individuals interested in brewing a craft beer in town. They are not seeking on-premise consumption, but would provide samples, as defined and allowed under the CT manufacturing permit.

Such a business would require a change to the Town’s alcohol ordinance and the zoning regulations. Following discussions with the interested parties, both Michael Wrinn and I were of the opinion this could be done in Wilton on a small scale that would be acceptable to residents. The purpose of this item is to obtain a sense of the Board thinking relative to an ordinance change. There may also be interest in a cidery. This two would require a change to the alcohol ordinance and the zoning regulation. The Town’s current alcohol ordinance is [here](#). The state permit for a license to manufacture beer is [here](#) and cider [here](#). The town ordinance can be more restrictive than the permit.