

LEEDS DOMESTIC WATERUSERS
BOARD MEETING
April 10, 2008
7:00 PM

Present: Maurice Hall, Joanne Dawson, Don Fawson, Danielle Stirling, Ben Gordon

Absent: Craig Sullivan

Meeting was opened at 7:06 PM by President Maurice Hall

Call to Order:

Welcome: Maurice Hall

Prayer: Danielle Stirling

Pledge of Allegiance: Maurice Hall

Minutes: Ben MOVED: To approve 3/13/08 minutes. Danielle SECONDED. MINUTES APPROVED.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Item: Report From the Task Force Committee/Joy Cooney

Joy presented the committee's findings in the form of a mailer to be sent to each shareholder/citizen. She thanked LDWA for their patience in the committee's attempt to educate themselves, and for funding the mailer. She said a letter will accompany the mailer announcing a meeting for Thursday, April 17th, at the Fire Station, at 7:00 pm, where all the shareholders will be invited to comment, to support, or challenge anything in the mailer. She read the mailer to the board, line by line, and asked for possible interjections of change. The facts were divided into two options. Option 1, merging LDWA with a new Leeds Town Water Department (TWD). And Option 2, LDWA remaining private:

- First paragraph under Option 1 where it reads "the town council will be able to overturn a TWD Board's decision." To change the language to reflect the town's intention to do so only in extreme cases or if the State requires it.

- Second paragraph under Option 1, leave out the line "The TWD would be able to use WCWCD water anywhere within the Town's service area," in order to imply the intent of avoiding the mix of water as long as possible. Implication is made further in the paragraph, "plans call for using WCWCD water for new development while using existing LDWA water for LDWA users."

Additional Items of Discussion:

- The eventual mixing of water for emergency use.
 - Checking the quality of other water sources before mixing with LDWA's water.
 - LDWA designing the ballots.
 - Sending documents with the ballots for voting clarification, and posting the same documents on LDWA's website.
 - Having an accounting firm canvass the ballots to ensure a fair and unbiased vote.
- Joy said the committee will meet on the 22nd and the 29th to discuss suggestions for LDWA should the shareholders decide to keep it private, and suggestions for the Town should the shareholders decide to merge. They'll make a final report on the 30th.

Item: Water Superintendent

Board reviewed 15 resumes for the position. They discussed the interviewing process and criteria for hiring. Four candidates were chosen to interview. Interviews were scheduled for Tuesday, April 15th, starting 6:00 pm, at the Fire Station.

Craig Sullivan resigned as member of LDWA's board.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:05 PM

Recorded by Joanne Dawson