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Brookline Planning Board – Well & Water Committee

Notes from the 3/4/2020 Meeting

Present: Rob Danckert, Lindsay Machado, Dan Marcek, Steve Russo; Buddy Doherty for the Conservation Commission

Absent: Jay Chrystal (Conservation Commission)

We discussed our experiences with our wells; most had problems at one time or another. Lindsay recounted problems that she and her neighbors have had with their wells in the new development on Russell Hill Road. Buddy suggested that the Russell Hill Road homeowners consider a community well.

We briefly discussed the Nobis report about the West Hill Road Development. A nonpartisan hydrogeologic study could minimize the risk of a newly-built home being without an adequate water supply. We talked about requiring similar reports for future developments in town. There was some concern whether any study could guarantee the amount of water a well delivers.

The consensus was that groundwater and aquifer transmissivity should be taken into account whenever a new development is being considered. Steve mentioned that the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (<https://www.nashuarpc.org/>) has maps which show aquifer transmissivity in some detail.

There was discussion about holding a town-wide survey on wells to see how pervasive (or not) well water shortages are. The town's Health Officer, Abbey Reville, had talked about doing a limited survey; she will be asked to come to the next meeting. We will also approach Skillings for their impressions of well issues in town.

Two questions were raised: What other NH towns have similar well water supply issues? What NH towns require hydrogeologic studies now? [These questions have been referred to Val Rearick our Planning Director.]

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 8th at 7pm.

- Steve Russo