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Town of Salmon Cove
Special Public meeting July 4th, 2023

Members Present:	Mayor	Cavell Reynolds
		Kathy Penney
		Stephen LeGrow
		William Kelloway
		Diane Peach
Absent:	Deputy Mayor	Edna Lambert
		MaryLynn Layman
Also, Present:	Town Clerk	Rebecca Howell
	Summer Student	Heather Parsons

Motion 023-160

W. Kelloway/ S. LeGrow

Motion to accept current agenda.

All in favor
Opposed: Nil

Motion Carried

Councillor LeGrow explains the purpose of the meeting. Being, a resident on Rose's Road was given a letter last October not to use Town's water from one resident to the other for the use of filling a well due to cross contamination. The resident asked for an extension for the use of Town's water until something is in place. Maintenance Personnel advised Council to not allow a water hose from one resident to another that goes into a well due to cross contamination that will affect the whole town. Also, Councillor LeGrow reached out to the fire department asking if the fire department could fill up the resident's well just to give them some water. The Fire Chief states that the Fire Department can but there is liability. This is due to not knowing what the conditions of the water being used to fill the well. The solution the Fire Chief proposes regarding the liability issues is to get the resident to sign a contract to not drink the water but that does not stop other people from drinking the water. Councilor LeGrow also looked into other

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communities with a water truck. But there are none close, the closest community is Conception Bay South, which will be about eight hundred dollars for one water truck, to the resident for just a short-term solution. This is because the resident will need more than one truck load. Councilor LeGrow states that the resident is one hundred and thirty feet from the Town's water hookup which is not a long distance. Hooking up to town water will be a long-term solution.

Councilor Kelloway expresses that Maintenance Personnel advised not to have water going from the Town's system into the well if the hose is down into the well. Councilor Kelloway states that he heard assurances from two residents that the hose was not in the well. Counselor Peach asks where the hose is, Councilor Kelloway states is it is at the top of the well and the water is just running into the well. Therefore, there is no siphoning of water since the hose is not in the well. But there is no assurance besides the words of the residents.

Mayor Reynolds expresses that the residents had a deadline of May 31st, 2023, since last year to have a resolution for the issue, which has not been resolved. There is a way for the residents to be hooked up to the Town's water due to being a little over a hundred feet. Mayor Reynolds states cross contamination is not something the Town wants since it will affect every resident.

Mayor Reynolds states what is done for one resident is done for all residents.

Councilor Penney expresses if there is a resolution between the town and the resident of the cost or a shared cost for the water to be put to their boundary line. Councilor Kelloway states the resident is concerned about the cost due to having to cross the road which will consist of cutting through the road.

Councilor Peach expresses that it is the responsibility of the resident to do something about the issue which is from the Town Plan. Residents had ample time to find a solution due to it being a known issue for quite some time. Residents have not looked into the cost of the water and sewer hookup.

Mayor Reynolds questions the depth of the main.

Councilor Kelloway states that a Fire Departments hose can be hooked up to a fire hydrant that is across the road which the fire fighters will then fill the well making sure the hose is not in the well which stops the cross contamination of the Town. Also, the concern of damaging the hose with traffic having to run over the hose Councilor Kelloway states there are devices and wooden planks which will cause the traffic to not puncture or damage the hose. This short-term solution will be more effective than any other hose including the time to fill the well and then the fire truck is not needed. Although, the residents will need to be conservative about the use of water when filled by the fire department. It will more than likely need to be filled depending on the usage of water once a week. This solution is only for the months of July and August.

Mayor Reynolds steps out of seat at 11:22AM.

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Mayor Reynolds asks Councilor Peach to step into her chair.

Mayor Reynolds expresses the deadline the residents were given and with nothing done about the issue from the residents. Mayor Reynolds states the Fire Department will need a waiver stating the Fire Department is not responsible if anything happens down into the well and that the water is not for drinking purposes. This condition should be for July and August with another extension to have something put in place for next year. At least an estimate.

Every resident is given the option to hook up to the Town's water and if the answer is no from the resident, they will still be charged water tax.

Mayor Reynolds steps back into her seat at 11:27AM.

Mayor Reynolds expresses not only the resident, but all residents need a water source available for their residency. Which is the resident's responsibility not the Town's.

Since the Fire Department works together with the Town of Victoria's Fire Department it will be needed by the Fire Department to reach out to the Town of Victoria's Fire Department that they will be busy filling a resident's well with a time frame. If it is done for one resident it is done for all, which will affect any resident with a well to contact the Fire Department for the filling of their well. But it will be their responsibility to get a water source in place. A fee or donation is the decision of the Fire Department. To make the concerns of the Fire Department and the liabilities a lawyer will be contacted about the signing of the waiver.

Mayor Reynolds states a thirty-day extension to get a quote. Mayor Reynolds also states that everything must be fair to all residents, to protect the Town's water, and no contamination, which this short-term solution is justifiable and fair to all residents.
Mayor Reynolds also states if there is no estimate brought forward in thirty-days the Fire Department will be told to not continue with filling up the well in August.

Councilor LeGrow states that no resident is allowed to have hose from a house to a well without Town supervision. Councilor Peach expresses that the statement should become a policy.

A policy also will be put in place for the limit of five hundred feet to get hooked up to Town water.

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Motion 023-161 **S. LeGrow/ W. Kelloway**

Motion to allow the Fire Department to supply the resident with water on Rose's Road until the end of August with a thirty-day deadline to bring back an estimated cost and a long-term plan with a liability waiver which will be checked out by the Town Clerk Manager before any action is to go ahead.

All in favor
Opposed: Nil

Motion Carried

Motion 023-162 **S. LeGrow/ D. Peach**
Motion to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor
Opposed: Nil

Motion Carried