

Eagle Lake Rt 74 water- Meeting, Petition and reply

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As mentioned, by me, in a previous email, I offered to share information given to me about the Eagle Lake Rt74 water issue.

Two residents shared the information below with me in the past couple of days. Their comments are as they wrote them. Again I'm only the messenger. Your email contact information to get this to you will not be shared, and last, sorry, our data base does not filter for those not on RT74. I do not have any contact information for those on Chilson Hill.

for any comments please direct them to the Town Supervisor.

If you have factual information that you feel needs to be shared with EL residents, write up a request and send it to me. My schedule is full, so any sharing will be as time permits.

- First share is about a planned upcoming town meeting, as well as some comments that were shared in confidence about suspected costs

- Second is a petition that has been posted in town relating to water quality, along with a question by the person who shared it, to Ti Supervisor Mark Wright. (per my phone call to one vendor 5/20/2022 who is named at the end of the petition it is available at their location)
- Third is the reply from Supervisor Wright to that question.
- Last -I've added at the end a link that gives a brief explanation of what water hardness means

Thank you for those that shared this and also to those sent a note of appreciation for the previous email

Rolf

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The Town has announced a special Board meeting for Thursday. May 26th to discuss

the Gooseneck water system. Per the announcement the agenda is to include the results

of the recent survey request (the worse survey questionnaire ever!!) and other information.

It is scheduled from 8:30am to 9:30am

I will be attending the meeting.

Some information was passed onto me. The way the person passed it to me lends me to

believe that maybe I should not disclose this person. However, I had worked with this person

on the water system in the past and have full faith in the person and in the information presented.

1. The estimated cost to complete the project has gone from \$8.5 to over \$16.0 million. If it was not affordable at \$8.5, how will it be affordable at \$16.0 million?
2. The town was suppose to submit the MPR to the State Comptroller for his approval. The Town, as of yet has not done so because of the concern of the net cost at the \$8.5 million.
3. If the Town proceeds with any type of water district, the district will probably only include those properties on Chilson Hill and not include those properties on Eagle Lake. He did not disclose where the end of service would be.

I believe that the source of this document is Bill Grinell. It is in all of the latest Sun community paper and also distributed at various local locations. (editors note see locations at end of page 2) I'm am forwarding so it can be shared amongst our Eagle lake property owners.

NOTICE OF PETITION AND REQUESTED ACTION

To: The Town Board of Ticonderoga

Dated: April 23, 2022

We the people of the Town of Ticonderoga will file the petition to utilize Lake George and Gooseneck Pond as the Primary Water Source serving the Ticonderoga Water Districts with the Ticonderoga Town Clerk for transmittal to the town board for immediate action no later than June 15, 2022.

Question of Importance and Issue here is:

“Does the Town of Ticonderoga have the responsibility to provide the people of Ticonderoga with the BEST possible water?”

Reportedly, Street Road Wells with an extreme water hardness of 220 has proven to be too hard scale as a desirable water source for International Paper, Hudson Headwaters, Tony’s Sports- and Car Wash, Montcalm Street restaurants and other large scale water users!

Not a good omen for the future of business development in downtown Ticonderoga or any other section of Ticonderoga forced to live with or cope with Street Road Well water and the ensuing water hardness issues it presents!

Most Chilson Hill and Eagle Lake residents would like to keep using Gooseneck water upgraded to DOH/EPA rules and regulations at a minimal cost.

The people living in the village and merchants on Montcalm Street are just feeling the short term effects and beginning to realize the possible devastating long term effects and related costs of using very hard water as the primary source of water for water districts in communities across the board!

And it might be fair to say, that these 1000 plus village home owners deserve the Best possible water our town administration can provide to protect the Heart of Our Community, Our Way of Life and Our Children’s Future! So

Whereas, the NYS Constitution Bill of Rights states “Each person shall have a right to Clean Air and Water and a healthful environment”;

Let’s upgrade Gooseneck Pond water as suggested by the DOB/EPA ... utilize the Street Road Wells until we get that task accomplished and

“Keep Gooseneck Pond for the BEST Possible Water”!

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IN Conclusion,

Because of the pressure exerted by the DOH on the town board, we now have the resulting situation. A ton of money spent on Street Road Water Wells that now prove not to be the BEST possible water for Ticonderoga to utilize going forward.

We the people of Ticonderoga that pay the bills are willing to cut our losses now and;

We hereby request the Ticonderoga Town Board to immediately adopt the following resolutions:

- 1. Be it resolved that the Town of Ticonderoga will utilize Lake George and Gooseneck Pond as the Primary Water Source serving the Ticonderoga Water Districts with Gooseneck Pond water upgraded to meet current DOH/ EPA water rules and regulations by the end of 2024. And a scheduled plan of action will jointly be developed in full co-operation with residents of Chilson Hill/Eagle Lake and implemented, in good faith, to insure that the above state Goals are achieved and the completion date is met.**
- 2. Be it resolved that the Street Road Water Wells will only serve as a primary source water for the village until item one above is accomplished and only utilized from then on as an emergency backup source of water as needed by the water districts.**
- 3. Whereas, the 5 states of California, Texas, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan and others, along with communities in over 30 states have banned salt-based water softeners for several reasons, resolve to investigate this issue with a resulting possible ban, as well, in the Town of Ticonderoga and hold a non-binding referendum to let the Voice of The People be heard and counted prior to issuing a ban in Ticonderoga.**

If these resolutions are not passed in an appropriate and timely manner and if the Ticonderoga Town Board holds the petition issues in abeyance, we request the Ticonderoga Town Board to make the necessary arrangements to have all petition issues placed on a referendum ballot in the Nov. 8, 2022 general election.

Thank you all for supporting our action plan for this petition.

Signed By: "We The People of the Town of Ticonderoga" to include all signatures on the petition.

Petition available at four locations:

- Bains Sunoco • Tony Sports • Napa - Wicker St. • RB Motors - Schyler St.**

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For a brief explanation of water hardness see

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In scientific terms, water hardness is generally the amount of dissolved calcium and magnesium in water. But in ...