

On Monday, August 9, Doug Selby and CCWSA's engineer, Tim Carpenter of the MRB Group attended the monthly Ledyard Town Board meeting to provide the Town Board with an update on the projects that are being planned to extend water and sewer service to Sunset, Lake and Honoco communities. The meeting was well attended by many residents from Honoco Road with some residents from Lake Road. There were many good questions asked by Town Board members and residents.

Doug and Tim provided an overview of the two projects. Some of the items discussed and responded to (in no particular order) were:

- The proposed water and sewer projects are still being developed and information being shared will change somewhat as the project evolves, but we have sufficient information now to begin discussions with municipal leaders and stakeholders.
- If the projects move into the development phase they will provide water and the sewer service to Sunset, Lake and Honoco Road properties.
- If the proposed projects are approved and funded the CCWSA plans to install water and sewer at the same time to minimize disruptions to residents and reduce project costs, however, for funding and administrative purposes the projects are being handled independently. Hence, there are two different reports.
- The water project for Honoco is incorporated into the proposed larger Regional Water Project that would include a new Water Treatment Plant at Long Point and pipelines, storage tanks and pumping stations to move water into central Cayuga County and south to Genoa.
- The Map, Plan and Report necessary to move the water project forward has been accepted by the CCWSA Board of Directors and is being forwarded to the Cayuga County Legislature for consideration. Following review, comments and completion of environmental compliance requirements the County Legislature may put the project up for a referendum in which residents of the proposed District would vote.
- To move forward both water and sewer projects would require creation of special assessment districts. For sewer the District would involve only the Sunset, Lake and Honoco properties. For water the District would include all or portions of 16 to 17 municipalities included in the proposed regional water system.
- For a District to be created by referendum a simple majority of those in the District must vote in favor of the project. Once a District is created all properties in the District will be assessed for the improvements even if they did not vote for them.
- CCWSA will pursue grant funds and low interest loans to lower the costs to customers below the numbers presented in the recently completed preliminary engineering reports.
- The proposed water and sewer projects do not include improvements to the roadway. The construction contractor would be required to properly compact the trench and restore the surface to its original condition. Gravel if gravel and paved if paved.
- Property owners would make connections to CCWSA's grinder pumps and water meters at their own cost.
- The proposed CCWSA project does not include costs for abandoning existing holding or septic systems.
- The proposed water project would include fire hydrants.
- Grinder pumps for the proposed sewer project would be owned and maintained by CCWSA.
- A single grinder pump may serve more than one property.

No action was taken by the Town Board.

More detailed minutes of the meeting may be available from the Ledyard Town Clerk.

Submitted by Doug Selby