

February 21, 2019
Groundwater Coordinating Committee
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Marjie Gale, Kasey Kathan, Sille Larsen, Liz Royer, Diana Butler, Ken White, Rodney Pingree, Dave Wilcox, Robert Pelosi, Colin Dowe

Brief Updates/Discussions

GWPRS – public meetings and public comment period have concluded, some comments received and the DWGPD now preparing a response to comments

Well Location Work – CD prepared a posting for the VCGI blog. Colin wrote about groundwater mapping, parcel data, water use and GIS. Check it out at <https://medium.com/vcgi/mapping-vermonts-water-use-f0d4beb23679>

Well Classification – CD has been working within the well drillers database to use reported lithologies to classify wells as bedrock or gravel on historic wells. Currently is a field on the reporting form and is required for new submittals. KW suggested that a seminar be held, perhaps at the next well drillers annual meeting on how to classify lithologies.

Brainstorming and Discussion on the Private Well Workgroup

Goal of the Workgroup – primarily the implementation of Act 161

Discussion Points/Ideas:

- Provide menu of fact sheets: Sille mentioned that this is already available on the VDH website, so need to boost visibility/knowledge of the website
- Print out the info sheets that well drillers distribute if money is available
- Failed Systems: historically failed systems required replacement, with new rule failed systems are exempt if there's a treatment in place
- Need to address the language regarding: "other chemicals as required on a regional basis"
- Need to address why 'man-made' chemicals aren't in rule
- Provide a list of qualified labs
- Consider how outreach on dug wells will be completed?
- Data Summary – NJ has good example of how info can be compiled for presentation: Colin wrote about groundwater mapping, parcel data, water use and GIS. Check it out at <https://medium.com/vcgi/mapping-vermonts-water-use-f0d4beb23679>
- Consider intersection of local requirements (i.e. Colchester requires testing in the Clarendon Spring Formation through the certificate of occupancy)
- Who should be invited? List generally looks good, Kira has successfully worked with someone from the realtor's group – LR will follow-up
- First meeting agenda – discussion/presentation on the why and how of the rule requirement: presenters on the rule change (DWGPD), Sampling and Analysis (VDH lab?), Goals/Objectives and Mapping (SL), Remediation and Treatment