

**NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT**  
**Commissioners meeting with DES regarding Twin Pines water source**

**August 5, 2024**

PRESENT: Kenneth Jacques (Chairman), John MacKenna (Commissioner), Richard (Rip) Cross (Commissioner), Rob Thorp (Superintendent), Rhonda Gauthier (Office Manager), Randal Suozzo and Cynthia Klevens from DES

Chairman Jacques opened the meeting at 3:30 pm. Jacques asked Suozzo and Klevens why there was a letter from DES dated on March 17, 2023, saying the Precinct should not approve Twin Pines, then there was a letter dated July 26 from Mr. Gaylord saying that the Precinct is the best option for the Project. Mr. Suozzo explained that the letter of March 17, 2024, was sent to support the Precinct. That letter was written because you met your maximum capacity at that time. Randal Suozzo said he still supports the March 17, 2023, letter that states “the New London Springfield Water does not currently have sufficient water supply to meet demand for existing customers.” when asked by Rhonda Gauthier.

Ms. Klevens gave an update on the Twin Pines and Continuum search for water. There were contaminants found in the water, so the projects had to stop with any drilling/pump tests. Ms. Klevens explained that Mr. Gaylord’s letter dated July 26, 2024 is meant for Twin Pines to find a way to connect to the Precinct and now the burden is on Twin Pines.

There was discussion on improving existing wells with little or no permitting since the Precinct is a grandfathered water system. Commissioner Cross asked how long it would take to improve the existing well system. Klevens said it could be 2-3 years.

Chairman Jacques explained the history of the precinct and Colby point wells.

Ms. Klevens and Mr. Suozzo said they would stay for the Commissioners meeting in case there were any questions.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda L Gauthier Office Manager