

BCRUA Town Hall Meeting – Saturday, June 10th

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Attendance was low at this meeting with only 24 residents including council and staff. A big thank you to those in attendance for their excellent questions. As there will be activity starting very soon that will impact our residents in North Volente, we wish that more could have been present. The key points covered were;

1. Activity will start very soon with mailers and telephone calls to property owners along the path of the underground water tunnel. These will be for two purposes
 - a. The BCRUA will be seeking an easement on the surface following the path of the underground tunnel. This easement will be 50' wide and the only restriction will be that no wells be drilled in this easement. Buildings, driveways, septic fields etc. will still be allowed in this area. There are 17 properties in the Village that will be contacted for this easement and a list of these properties and a map of the tunnel path are in the Village offices.
 - b. The BCRUA will be seeking a "right of access" to other properties along the path of the tunnel in order to verify and locate all wells along this path via a survey of the properties. This information will go into a database of all wells in or near the underground pathway. There are 33 additional properties in this category and they are shown on the tunnel path graphic that is in the Village offices.
2. The BCRUA had earlier drilled and extracted four rock core samples along the path of the tunnel to verify the characteristics of the rock that the tunnel will be bored through. Water level indicators were left in those holes. They will now be drilling four more test wells in the Lime Creek right of way close to those original borings and putting more sophisticated water level measuring systems in place. This will be a part of a very significant water level monitoring system that will be used throughout the project.
3. A very significant mitigation plan is being established for the project so that the BCRUA can monitor water levels, and respond to any village resident who starts to see a water access issue with an existing well. This can be taken as far as the BCRUA drilling a complete new well for a resident and providing water in real time by hauling should a new well be required.
4. The overall project will last a total of approx. 25 years. We are currently in the 10th year of the project. For the next two years activity will be primarily what is outlined above.
5. The BCRUA and the Village of Volente are beginning to convert their Memorandum of Understanding into an Inter Local Agreement. The ILA will be a contractual agreement between the BCRUA and Volente. As this starts to take shape the Village Council will conduct another Town Hall meeting to solicit input from the residents for this ILA. The Village will be retaining legal

and engineering resources to help us craft this agreement. Three council members meet with the BCRUA quarterly and will start the negotiations on the ILA. They will bring a draft of the ILA to the Village Council for review and edit, and will then conduct the Town Hall meeting as mentioned above.