

TWSA REPORT

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Since my term began in December, I have finally begun to understand most of what is being discussed. We usually meet the third and fourth Tuesday each month from 5:30PM until 7:30PM although meetings do extend until 8:00PM at times.

The following items have been major issues of discussions since I have been on the Board.

- Rhodes Cove was in construction at the time of my appointment. It is now completed with paving intact.
- Dillsboro had water lines replaced and repaired through a grant written for that purpose
- The Whittier plant has now become a working part of TWSA. At this time there are few participants on that line although the main one is Smokey Mountain Elementary School.
- A water line replacement is in place for Holly Hills and will extend out to New Hope Baptist Church at their request. The water line at Holly Hills was a health hazard and had to be replaced. The construction crew (McGill Associates) will have to bore under the Tuckasegee to connect with the water line along Old Cullowhee Road.
- The Webster wastewater treatment plant should be coming on line in 2012
- Some members of Cashiers have tentatively requested a look at the water lines there with the idea of potentially taking over that operation. Chairman Debnam spoke to TWSA on their behalf
- McGill Associates have completed a study on new water lines which has been jointly presented to the citizens of Cashiers in a special meeting as well as the TWSA Board . The building of a new water plant is quite time consuming and expensive, but a motion was made by the TWSA Board to begin the permitting process at the May meeting.
- A project in Dillardtown has secured funding
- The TWSA Board has voted to install meters at sites where water is being provided with funds determined by reviewing the average cost across North Carolina. Residents should not see an increase in their rates and some businesses may see a decrease with the new calculations.
- One meeting was completely devoted to learning about new options for health insurance for their employees. We chose one which will lower TWSA's cost and be a better deal for the employees, plus giving them a one-time boost of \$500.00 and two days off for personal leave.

- Due to the economy TWSA just voted to terminate a contract with CTI Engineers which would have expanded the water plant. Joe Cline, Director of TWSA, stated that this won't be a disadvantage to anyone at the moment.