

Village of Nelsonville
Groundwater Protection Committee

Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2018 6:30pm | Nelsonville Village Hall

Meeting minutes approved from last meeting.

Update from Jen McNelly Water testing results are in! They were sent out in the mail today. All homes who have nitrates of 10.0 mL and above are eligible for a source test. Water collection for source tests will occur on January 14. Village residents will receive more information with their results.

Village Survey Several members of the community have expressed interest in creating a village survey to get a better sense of what residents envision for the future of Nelsonville.

Action Items:

- Contact Judah Haas to see if his “artisan well” was tested in the latest study. Will he share these results? Is he willing to make this well open for public use if it is a safe, reliable source of potable water?
- Email Rubina any questions you would like to be considered for the village survey.

Presentation by Vic Akemann (Vicakemann@gmail.com) “Universal ecological literacy and a grand theory of sustainability.” Vic is a PhD candidate in ecological sustainability at UW-Stevens Point and has studied the Tomorrow River watershed for many years. Nelsonville’s Groundwater Protections Committee could be a model for other communities around the world fighting for their right for clean drinking water. Vic would like to work with this committee and the village to examine how our efforts might fall in this theory of sustainability. Vic clearly sees that our main goal is to obtain clean drinking water while maintaining healthy relationships between all in the village. He is excited to learn more about what we’ve done and what we plan to do.

2019 GOALS

- Is there a local, publicly accessible source for potable water near Nelsonville? Let’s explore this idea!
- More education for community members
- Develop a well head/groundwater recharge area protection ordinance
- Independent well water testing program for Nelsonville

Discussion about where we go from here. There are many experts we can consult. We have a lot more to learn about water quality, nitrates, and farming practices.

Next meeting January 28 at 6:30pm at the Nelsonville Village Hall

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.