

HOOSICK FALLS

New Drinking Water Source Proposed For Village

by Doug La Rocque
April 21, 2021 is a date that will go into the record books of the Village of Hoosick Falls.

It is the day the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced its preliminary choice for a new source of drinking water for the Village. It was nearly six years ago when it was discovered that the Village's Water supply was contaminated with PFOA, a possible carcinogen to humans, and has been linked to other diseases involving the kidneys, liver, respiratory problems, infectious and neurological complications (especially in children) and Type 2 diabetes.

The DEC's Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) includes:

- Developing two new groundwater supply wells. Existing test wells south of Hoosick Falls will be converted to production wells (these are known as the LaCroix and Wysocki wells);
- Retaining one existing village well. This third well is required to provide redundancy in the case of an outage of the primary wells;



The Village of Hoosick Falls Water Treatment Plant. Eastwick Press File Photo.

- Constructing a water transmission line from the new wells to the village water treatment plant along public rights of way;
- Continued operation of the public water supply treatment plant to remove naturally occurring elements, and ensure disinfection and distribution to meet

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Aldi Complex Nears Final Approvals

by Doug La Rocque

Not yet, but soon. Developer David Leon's proposal to construct an Aldi Grocery Store, along with a Wendy's and Kentucky Fried Chicken on his land where the Planet Fitness currently sits on Hoosick Road (NYS Route 7) is still awaiting approval from both the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). That, however, appears to be more of a formality than a problem. Before the Planning Board can give final approval, the ZBA must approve both a use and area variance. It was on the agenda for the meeting Monday evening, April 19, but the ZBA decided to postpone any action until it could see the resolution the Planning Board will use to grant final approval. That should be ready later this week, so the ZBA has scheduled a special meeting for Monday, April 26. If approved, the matter will be back before the Planning Board for final consideration on Thursday, May 6.

It has been more than a year since the site plan was filed. It includes a rear entrance road that gained Town Board approval two months ago, but only if it is one way in, and no utilities are constructed along it. That proposed road drew criticism from many in the neighborhood at a public hearing. The road became part of

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Vaccinations Pop-Up In North Hoosick

by Doug La Rocque

It was the second pop-up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic conducted by the Rensselaer County Health Department this week, and the fourth in recent weeks. This one was held at the North Hoosick Fire House on Tuesday, April 20. Besides scheduled appointments, the department was also accepting walk-ins. 200 doses of the Moderna vaccine were available.

The two pop-ups this week saw walk-ins accepted, quite a change from when the vaccines were first rolled out, when getting an appointment for a shot was nearly impossible. Since then, more vaccines are available and the country has experienced more people than anticipated opting not to be vaccinated. So much so, there is a national advertising campaign underway to convince them otherwise.



Steve MacNeil of Hoosick Falls gets his first shot of Covid vaccine at the North Hoosick Fire Department on Tuesday. Jane Weber, an RN volunteer with the Rensselaer County Medical Reserve Corp. administers the shot. The turnout was excellent for the pop-up site. Photo by Steve Bradley.

As more pop-ups are announced, The Eastwick Press will advise in the paper, on Facebook and our website.

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