

Water District Formation

~ Town Perspective ~

Lower Chilson Water District

The Town of Ticonderoga faces a \$5.6 million mandated project to replace its crumbling uncovered reservoir and its 110 year old water transmission line. Without funding assistance the project will increase user rates in the various water districts to between \$528 and \$1,420. In addition, the Town is faced with making a decision on district formation.

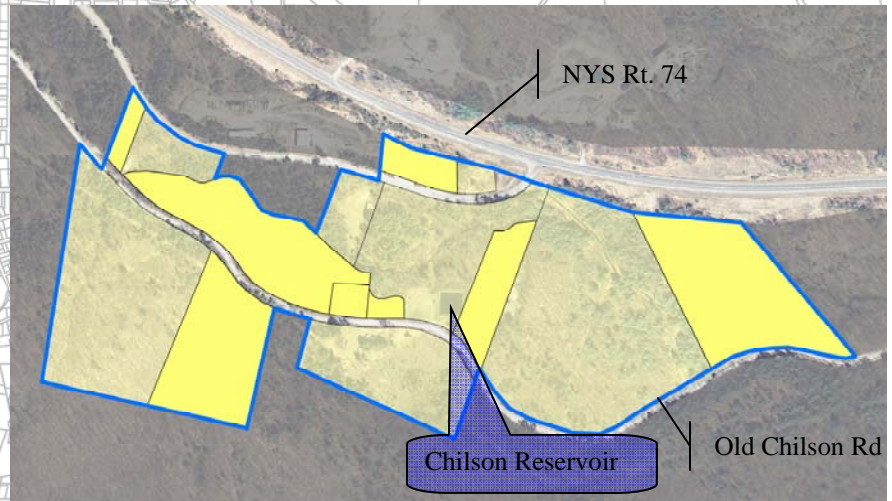
- The reservoir is in a state of disrepair and the town is under a Department of Health Tribunal Order to bring it into compliance with current regulations, resulting in the planned replacement of the reservoir with (2) water storage tanks.
- The Town must move the water main in conjunction with the tank project, incurring additional cost to reconnect users who are outside of existing district boundaries.
- The current water supply to these outside users is in violation of NYS Public Health Law, for low water system pressure.
- The Town must either form a district to make improvements to existing water infrastructure that serves these outside users or discontinue service to them.

Legend

- Proposed Chilson Water District
- Proposed Chilson WD - Currently Served
- Proposed Chilson WD - Currently Unserved

"We must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately."

~ Benjamin Franklin



To Form or Not to Form a District

Why should the Town form a district:

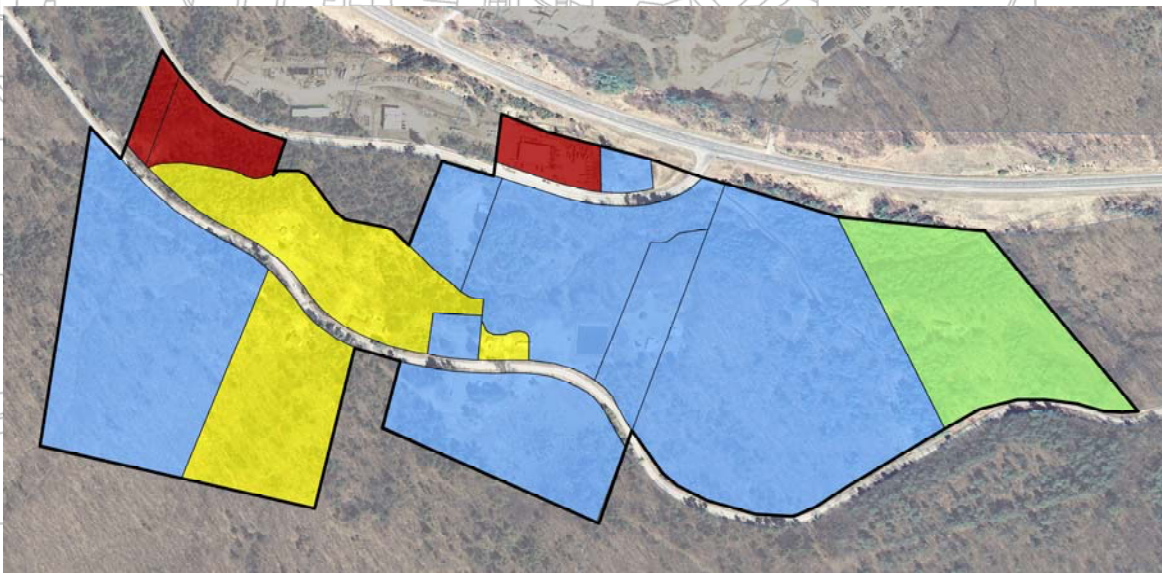
- The Town cannot spend money on behalf of individuals that are not in a district.
- Forming a district can benefit the existing districts and newly formed district by improving eligibility for grants and loans.
- The best funding strategy is one that is diversified among districts. Money received for problems regarding delivery of water to a specific financially impacted area can be leveraged to benefit other districts.
- If the Town were audited, justification for maintaining service, including turning on and off service laterals and investigating water leaks, would receive scrutiny by the Comptroller.
- Town has liability for substandard service to low pressure areas. The public should be notified and the problem fixed because low pressure creates potential for contamination.
- The Lower Chilson area specifically should either be its own water company, operating below current regulatory standards and completely separate from the Town, or it should be incorporated into a district.

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~ Water User Perspective ~

Why would you want to join a district:

- If you are not in a district the municipality has no obligation to provide you with water, make repairs to maintain your service, or guarantee your water quality.
- The Town cannot spend money on behalf of individuals that are not in a district to fund repairs and maintain continued service.
- Without a district, the Town cannot complete applications for grants or loans to potentially decrease the user rates associated with the mandated project.
- Whether purchasing or selling a home, reliable water service is a significant factor.
- In the case of a NYS DOH violation, the Town would have no other recourse but to terminate service since the Town could not spend money on behalf of the out-of-district individuals served.



Proposed Chilson Water District Users

Legend

- Proposed Chilson WD - Survey: YES
- Proposed Chilson WD - Survey: UNDECIDED
- Proposed Chilson WD - Survey: NO
- Proposed Chilson WD - Survey: NO RESPONSE

"...everything appears to promise that it will last; but nothing in this world is certain but death and taxes."

~ Benjamin Franklin

OWNER	ADDRESS	TAXMAP
Peter A Reale	POBox 231 Ticonderoga NY 12883	139.3-2-22.100
Stephen Thompson	449 Middle Chilson Rd Ticonderoga NY 12883	139.3-2-26.000
Dennis Towne	253 Old Chilson Rd Ticonderoga NY 12883	139.3-2-28.000
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Rodney R Thompson	61 Cossey St Ticonderoga NY 12883	150.1-1-7.121
Robert Fleury	296 Old Chilson Rd Ticonderoga NY 12883	150.1-1-7.122
Mary Baker	326 Old Chilson Rd Ticonderoga NY 12883	150.1-1-7.200
Joseph Duval	115 Trimble Rd Crown Point NY 12928	150.1-1-8.000
Donna M Patnode	Old Chilson Rd Ticonderoga NY 12883	150.1-1-9.000
Town Of Ticonderoga	Box 74A 1 Hague Rd Ticonderoga NY 12883	150.1-1-10.000
Ticonderoga Water Works	POBox 471 Ticonderoga NY 12883	150.1-1-11.000
Arnold Ross	325 Old Chilson Rd Ticonderoga NY 12883	150.1-1-12.000
Debra M Prochorovas	339 Old Chilson Rd Ticonderoga NY 12883	150.1-1-13.000
Anthony Reale	388 Black Point Rd Ticonderoga NY 12883	150.1-1-14.111
Peter A Reale	464 County Rte 56 Ticonderoga NY 12883	150.1-1-14.120