



**St. Martins HOA
Board Water Strategy Meeting
11/17/23
Virtual via GoogleMeet**

Board members present: Craig Constantino, Bill Custead, Andrew Davis, Keith Miller, Lynne Partridge, Lisa Smith, Janie Stopford

Board member absent: Becky West

Called to Order: 6:00pm

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss strategy prior to the County meeting on November 21, 2023 when the Commissioners will vote on proceeding forward with the possibility of County water for St Martins.

Bill presented three options for quality water:

- 1. The COUNTY PLAN of a totally new water system—new pipes connecting to Ocean Pines via Beauchamp Road with seven fire hydrants—totally controlled by the County for \$2,519,000.00 which works out to \$392/quarter for a minimum amount of water.**
- 2. The MASTER METER PLAN which uses County water brought by new pipes to a master meter in the Nova Court area. That connects to our current pipes and could have one fire hydrant. It uses the same billing system as we currently have—each home regardless of occupancy pays the same. Cost approximately \$1,400,000.00 or \$261.00/quarter regardless of water usage.**
- 3. The NEW WELL PLAN which totally redoes our current pumping system using our own well with all new equipment monitored for daily maintenance. (This uses our current water pipes and has no hydrants. According to Bob Mitchell where we previously were not encouraged to redo our system, because of the high County water cost, this option may be possible and may be assisted with an USDA grant.) According to Bill's rough figures this would cost around \$300,000.00.**

It was decided the Board needs more definite information on the WELL Plan. Once this is obtained we will meet again. At that point we will decide which plan or plans and how to best present this information to the home owners.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:10