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Town Releases Five Corners Water Utility Study

Last year, the Town commissioned a study to investigate the feasibility of a Town water supply to serve the Five Corners area. The water study area encompasses the land which extends approximately one-third mile south, and one mile west, north and east of Five Corners in the Town of Cedarburg. The findings of the study were presented at a Special Town Board meeting on Wednesday, February 20th. Highlights include:

- **Potential well sites are abundant in the Five Corners area.** Eleven possible well sites were identified within the study area. All eleven locations meet or exceed the state's minimum separation distance from contaminant sources and other municipal wells. The minimum separation requirements are to help ensure clean drinking water and prevent interference with the operation of existing municipal wells. Locating a well within the study area would help limit the cost of extending water mains to serve Five Corners.
- **Ample water supply is available for the present and future demands at Five Corners and beyond.** The water demands for existing and potential commercial and residential developments could be easily met. In addition, excess water capacity could allow the Town to provide water to residents outside the water study area and/or sell water to a neighboring municipality.
- **The proposed water system would enhance the Town's existing fire protection strategy while minimizing infrastructure costs.** The state requires the construction of at least two wells for redundancy in the event that repairs are needed. Each well would be able to produce 500 gallons per minute. A water system could be designed to supplement – rather than replace – the Town's current fire protection strategy that utilizes large cisterns. As a result, the need for costly elevated storage (i.e. water tower) could be avoided.
- **The cost of installing a public water supply to serve the Five Corners area is approximately \$4.2 million.**
- **The creation of a Town water supply could yield other benefits.** The proximity of the City of Cedarburg's water system would present the opportunity for the creation of an emergency interconnection, which would increase the level of available fire protection for each community. Connecting the two water systems may also save both municipalities the costs associated with certain infrastructure improvements.

Town of Cedarburg, Wisconsin

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