

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

<u>Topic</u>
<p>Call to order – Call to order 7:13pm</p> <p>Attendees: Bruce Arbonies Jacqueline Bohn Becky Malamut Joanne Wykoff Shirley Young</p>
<p>Water system updates</p> <p>Water Resource Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reservoir level is at -32'- Usage is 1.798MGD <p>Irrigation Ticketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Water Usage Violations: 5 fines 20 notices- Well 17A and 18B are offline. All other wells produce 870,000 Gallon per day. Moving ahead with well #17 for the Green Sand Filter. <p>Brown Water Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- More brown water complaints – 46 complaints as of July 6. The system needs to be flushed again but we need to wait until the fall to see if there is enough water for flushing. <p>New Water Treatment Plant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Putting out RFP for the project.
<p>Water conservation outreach strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Yard for water ban sign? Sean will look into it.- North and South River Watershed Association would host a Zoom meeting for Scituate. WRC to cohost? Becky moved to cosponsor the Zoom meeting with North and South River Watershed Association, Joanne seconded, all in favor.- Web content for after the Zoom meeting?- Becky to send talking points to be circulated via Facebook and social networks- New website with all things water is in progress- Videos – Kevin Cafferty said he will connect Becky to Seth from Scituate Cable TV
<p>Review additional initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Water offsets<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is there enough potential future development for the offset program to have an impact? According to Becky's calcs ,yes. 2004 Master Plan projected a growth rate of 102

residents per year. Since 2019, we've added 490 new units for approx 1,859 new residents. According to buildout analysis from 2004, we have "room" for approx 4,401 more residents (and we currently have 368 units = approx 1,300 new residents in the hopper).

- Next steps: Reach out to the new BOS liaison
 - How do we charge existing residents for water conservation fee? \$1 per bill? Per bathroom?
 - Bruce brought up the idea of making the fee based on number of toilets, whether or not you have an irrigation system, etc – similar to the idea of offsets, should we offer lower fee for developments with low water landscaping, etc
 - Shirley mentioned that you already pay more if you use more but we can't do it as a %
 - How does the \$1 per quarter work for master meters?
- Private wells
 - Joanne - Wrentham uses the same water restriction for public and well water users since November 2016. DPW head said there wasn't any push back for the same restriction. 90% on public, 10% on well. There are 3 level water restrictions.
 - Norton - No restriction for water ban for well users. Well for in-ground irrigation. 3-8 new wells per year.
 - Jacqueline - Carver – No restriction for water ban for well users.
 - Becky to followup with Kevin F, re: Ipswich and Topsfield, and NSRWA
 - High water users
 - Out reach plan for high water users? This year's data will be skewed due to pandemic and water bans. We should get another round of high water user data at the end of the summer to see if there's any overlap and then determine next steps, such as survey this winter or wait until early spring for pre-emptive educational outreach

Approve June minutes

Bruce moved to accept June meeting minutes, Joanne seconded, all in favor

Recent correspondence

- 48-52 New Drift Way New Proposal for a gas station and convenience store. Not in WRPD but very close
- 14-16 Country Way, next to Untold Brewing. Permeable pavement, grandfathered into existing conditions. Still some unanswered questions that should be coming from Planning Dept / applicant
- BOS would like Board and Committee input on what to do with Old Gate School Middle Part – Must be compatible with Council of Aging Historic Building – Town Hall? Submission of ideas as a committee?

Open discussion

Next meeting – August 19 Wednesday 7 pm.

Public Q&A

None. Please email us: WRC@ScituateMA.gov

Adjourn – 8: 16 pm

