

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 16, 2022
7:00 PM
In-Person & Remote Participation

Topic

Call to order

Attendees:

Freya Schlegel

Emily Simmer

Bruce Arbonies – remote

Joanne Wyckoff – remote

Becky Malamut

Mark Cloud

Water system updates

Water Department update - Mark

- Well 17A inspection on Friday (DEP), will go online as soon as they pass
- Received draft design for WTP on CJC Hwy – new site
- Scheduling carbon change-out for March to help with THM – will require plant to be offline for 10 days but 17A should be online by then
- Draft study for storage water tanks – GZA Tom Sexton
- Lots of leaks and frozen pipes
- Dolan wells – still waiting on design and location from Weston & Sampson
- Reservoir Project – Still trying to schedule meeting to discuss next steps for FEIR (Becky)

Brown water update – None

Prep for Town Meeting

There will be no communications person provided through the contract with the consultant – Weston & Sampson

The ask was finalized last night:

- On warrant as debt exclusion (will go on to water rates if it doesn't pass)
- ARPA funds to be used for the project – 5.5 mill minus 250k to be held aside for anything else that might come up (such as helping small businesses with covid relief)

Outreach ideas:

- Review Bruce's background / starter doc, highlighted salient points
- FB posts
- Letter to editor
- Pictures! – Water site, presentation
- Water bill stuffers

Offsets & Rebate programs update

Per Jim's update at Select Board meeting, \$25K in special town meeting for consultant to cover the water offsets

Begin work on 2022 Initiatives:

Greywater reuse

Freya, language other towns use in their bylaws / regs – couldn't find language,

- Reached out to local plumber, developer and Sewer Dept Superintendent
- Not a ton of support, may make sense to focus more on rainwater collection

Collateral for spring outreach

Boats & marinas – Jackie and Emily - Will have something for the next meeting

Info on roof catchment systems for property owners with existing inground irrigation systems and Public Housing → Need to do this one. Part of our rain barrel outreach

BMP doc for municipal buildings and public housing – Joanne – she has a bunch of info, needs to compile into bullets, organize, etc

Pool owners and fill Fridays – Becky working on

Restaurants – Becky working on

April 2 Rain Barrel Program confirmed

Municipal Water Infrastructure Investment Fund

Bruce

- Connected with Pam, Town Treasurer
- Next steps are to look into probono or low fee money managers

Liaison updates

Planning – Becky – no update

School Comm – Emily no update

BOH – Jackie not here

Zoning – Bruce – no updates

EDC – Freya no update

Approve January minutes

Recent correspondence

Open discussion

Next meeting – March 16

Adjourn