

## WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 25 2020

### MEETING MINUTES

#### Topic

#### **Call to order – Call to order 7:35pm**

#### Attendees:

Bruce Arbonies  
Jacqueline Bohn  
Kevin Finney  
Becky Malamut  
Joanne Wykoff  
Shirley Young

Martha Cook

Mark Cloud - Water Department

#### **Water system updates**

#### Water Department & Brown Water update – Mark

- Flushed all the pipes. Found 39 closed valves, which should help with water quality.
- Shirley asked why the water smells like chlorine. Mark said it's because the pipes are cleaner and everything is moving better. They put out 1.0ppm chlorine from the plant, Shirley tested hers and it was 0.3ppm, state requires no less than 0.25. Suggestion was made that the town should send a post-flushing update with this information. Becky to circulate draft
- Plenty of water in the reservoir.
- Bid opening for Well 17A. Design was approved.
- Replacement of 2" galvanized pipe, going out to bid next 2 weeks.
- Reservoir project – Need \$291,000 to fund the project. There is money in the enterprise fund. Need to go to the town meeting to move the money.
- No brown water. The only brown water complaint from the Life Care Center, the water from the inside pipes was brown; water to the building was clear.

#### Water System Study update

- T&B presented the water study at the BOS meeting. There is still work needs to be done before the study can be presented a definitive answer for demand vs. supply.

#### **2020 Planning**

#### Water offset policy – Becky

- Becky presented the offset analysis spreadsheet. Becky will check with Planning for buildout analysis – is there even enough buildable land to sustain this policy? Will we get mitigation fees as planned from Senior Housing?

#### Private well regulations – Joanne and Jacqueline

- Wrentham has a By-Law for water conservation regulation that includes private wells.
- Jacqueline will check with Carver and Hamilton
- Joanne will check with Norton and Wrentham

- Kevin will check with Ipswich and Topsfield
- Martha mentioned that there are a number of wells not on the online list that were either registered and/or dug way before online records were kept.

Seasonal water use survey – Bruce

- Bruce presented graphs for the top 50 water users for the year.
- The heaviest user starts at 5000 gallons/month.

Framework for whole house filter rebate program – To be discussed once initiatives above are further along.

### **Committee liaison updates**

CPC – Jacqueline

- Country Way Trail, \$500K, Lincoln Compound will become historical building. Pay down the debt for 2 years.

Planning - Becky

- Proposed project at 443-461 CJC Hwy, Tack Factory Pond was classified as a tributary, needs 200 ft buffer but DPW and Water Dept agree that it is a drinking water supply and therefore requires 400 ft buffer. Planning to make final decision in March.

Zoning – Bruce will be the new liaison.

Conservation – Becky – No update

School Committee – Joanne – No update

- Martha heard they are putting a new baseball field behind old Gates, how are they going to water it? Becky to reach out to Recreation to see if this will require a new hookup

### **Approve minutes**

Bruce moved to accept January minutes, Joanne seconded, all in favor

### **Recent correspondence**

Becky read letter John Boehmke's submitted to the BOS and shared with WRC re: Water Master Plan.

### **Open discussion**

- Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30pm

**Adjourn – 9:04pm**