

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

7:30 PM

DPW Room, Scituate Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Becky Malamut
Jacqueline Boh
Joanne Wyckoff
Shirley Young

Kevin Cafferty
Martha Cook
Ben Bornstein
Donald Eanst
Dave Higgins

1. Meeting Call to Order at 7:40 pm

2. Water system updates

Water Department update

- Ice pigging started last week. WRC to work with Water Dept to increase awareness for next round – reverse 911 calls and/or dropping off handouts in the effected neighborhoods.
- Reservoir is at+ 10” Current usage is 1.41 MGD, which is average for this time of the year.
- Treatment plant repair completed 2 weeks ago: Trac Vac system replacement. new sand filter media, new drain, new chemical feed pump and chemicals. Purchased rental portable sand filter for \$9K.
- Well 18B is using green sand filter with good results: 0.6-0.7 mg/L of manganese.
- Ice pigging started, will continue until mid May.
- Dolan Well – DEP did inspection. It went well. Waiting for DEP feedback per the permit process – 90 days. Online for seasonal usage only.
- Open House at the Water Treatment Plant – Mid May.
- Assistant Superintendent position – continuing interviews.
- Spotted Herring in stream off Old Oaken Bucket Road.

FAQ's and outreach to residents:

Published online:

- Water System Update Report
- Brown Water FAQ
- Water Report online:

3. Single meter policy update

- Presented to BOS earlier this month, April.
- Responsibility of pipes and leakage will be broken up for apartments, condos, etc.

- Ben: grey areas: Duplex, accessory dwelling unit
- Becky motioned to address accessory dwelling the way it is currently handled by the Planning Board, Jacqueline seconded, passed unanimously.

4. Science Spectacular – Plan content, calculator, etc.

Martha, Joanne and Kevin volunteered to represent the Water Department.

5. Outdoor water use restriction and enforcement

Majority water use in the summer is irrigation, some ideas:

- Send letters to 50-100 high water users – facts and figures, reminders
- Increase fines dramatically
- Address private wells – Does not need to follow irrigation ban. Reach out to BOH to get this back on their radar. Put well locations on the town map.
- Create a mid-level restriction
- Simplifying the system, what would be an effective system (color, number, etc.)

6. BMP's for school fields and other municipal projects

Update next month.

7. Water offset policy – Using scenarios to figure out how to set the mitigation fee.

Update next month.

8. Committee Liaisons

CPC – Jacqueline

Planning – Kevin

Zoning – John

Conservation – Becky

School Committee – Joanne

9. Approve minutes

Becky motioned to approve March 2019 meeting minutes, Joanne seconded, passed unanimously.

10. Recent correspondence

- Lot 6, Country way, property that abuts reservoir. Proposed for CPC to purchase for \$17K. This lot can't be built on or wouldn't perc. This case won't be heard until June or July.
- 436 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy – Septic will have to be raised by 5 feet, and move to the other side of the property away from the reservoir. CPC could possibly purchase the property. This property has been on the market for over one year.

11. Open discussion

Next meeting will be on Tuesday May 21, at 7:30 pm at DPW Room. Vote and review the Single Meter Policy prior to presenting to BOS on May 21, later that evening.

12. Adjourned at 9:13 pm