

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

Topic

Call to order – Call to order 7:10pm

Attendees:

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

Water system updates

Water Status

- Reservoir down 8.5” but still 90% full.
- Usage averaged over 2M GPD for the past 2 weeks, 22% increase over last year (where avg usage was 1.724mgd)
- Wells #11 and 22 stopped producing recently and had to be redeveloped. Taking them offline has added stress to the WTP
- Dolan Well Field – Approved by MA DEP, starting construction.
- According to Kevin Cafferty, at June 1, we had 1MG at the reservoir, so should be OK for the season.

Brown Water Status

Some brown water calls and survey, but not too many. Sean said it usually takes a few full flushing seasons to get the brown water out of the system.

Water System Study update

Water study is on hold. Tighe & Bond is focusing on Well #17 Green Sand Filter.

No update on Reservoir Dam Funding – Unsure if applying for the next funding

Irrigation violations – Citizens can take pictures and send to the Water Dept with date and time. Water Dept will send water violation ticket, before fines.

Water conservation outreach strategy

- Water violation ticket – include one/two lines of education
- Come up with a few talking points to post on Facebook, town emails, digital messaging board, “yard signs” used when we do flushing or pigging. Talking points should be direct
- Post informational videos on the town website.
- Front Street town signs for water conservation
- Create website with all water-related info in one place, easy url that we can share all over town

Public Q&A - none

Approve February minutes

Jacqueline moved to accept February meeting minutes, Kevin seconded, all in favor

Recent correspondence

- A number of developments in the Greenbush area have been / will be coming before the Planning Board
- Jim Glinski reached out to Becky for information to add to the History of Scituate's Water Supply that he is writing

Open discussion

- No high water usage survey. Shall we discuss what to do next?
- Go back to monthly meeting.
- Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00pm

Adjourn – 7:49pm