

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

<u>Topic</u>
<p>Call to order – Call to 7:10 pm</p> <p>Attendees: Bruce Arbonies Becky Malamut Shirley Young</p>
<p>Water system updates</p> <p>Water Dept Update – Becky read email from Sean Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reservoir level is -57.5”, which is 40.55% full,- Total use average is 1.70 MGD, WTP average is 0.85 MGD- Irrigation Ticketing – 38 violations, 17 were first offenses, 20 were 2nd 3rd or 4th, 1 was a private well. People can send photo with time stamp and forward to the Water Department.- Start running Well 17A into Old Oaken Bucket to help augment the reservoir. Even though the water from 17A is high manganese, it has lowered the raw water temperature going into the WTP and subsequently lowered the manganese levels. We still need to treat for manganese at the WTP and are waiting on DEP approval <p>Brown Water Update – Becky read email from Sean Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Brown water complaints have declined – not sure if it’s lower usage or lower manganese levels from WTP <p>Becky had a call with the new BOS liaison to the WRC, Andrew Goodrich. She shared the initiatives we’ve been working on and felt it was a productive call.</p>
<p>Water conservation outreach strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reviewed draft of new website, scituatema.gov/water<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Use Town email blast, digital messaging board, Covid updates, and social networks to promote- Discussed targeting boat owners and harbors next spring / summer<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Send email or letter with education and tips to Harbor master, yacht club, boat club- Discussed outreach to pool owners - Public Health Department should have a list of pool owners who we can reach out to with water conservation tips.
<p>Private well presentation for BOH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Private Well Outreach – Becky read notes from call with Kevin F. He spoke to Ipswich and their private wells must follow irrigation guidelines. Violations: Warning \$50, \$200, \$300, etc. Citations from local police not from Water Department.- Sam from North and South River Watershed will provide a letter for the hearing with the Public Health Department.- Becky to prepare bullet points for BOH presentation to be voted on at the next meeting

Water offset policy – next steps

- Becky briefly reviewed her analysis from earlier this summer. She will develop a policy and fee to propose to BOS

Approve July minutes

No quorum, to be voted in September

Recent correspondence

- No recent correspondence

Open discussion

- Next meeting – September 16 Wednesday 7 pm.
- Bruce asked about creating / revising the variable cost for water usage / revisiting rate structure to discourage high water users.
- Shirley asked about the house next to the reservoir, does the new septic system meet the requirements of the Reservoir Project? The mound you can see from the road does not look like it's 4' about the water line

Public Q&A

None. Please email us: WRC@ScituateMA.gov

Adjourn –7:50pm