

**WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, December 14, 2020**  
**7:00 PM**

<u>Topic</u>
<p><b>Call to order</b></p> <p>Attendees – Members:</p> <p>Bruce Arbonies</p> <p>Kevin Finney</p> <p>Joanne Wykoff</p> <p>Freya Schlegel</p> <p>Jacqueline Bohn</p> <p>Emily Simmer</p> <p>Attendees – Public:</p> <p>Ben Bornstein</p> <p>Andrew Goodrich</p> <p>Mark Cloud</p> <p>Catherine Dipes</p> <p>Frank Colpoys</p> <p>Don Marshall</p> <p>Tom McNulty</p> <p>John F Dolan</p> <p>Andrew Blanchard</p> <p>Brian Cronin</p> <p>Dana Dolabany</p> <p>Brian Cronin</p> <p>Paul Bartkiewicz</p> <p>Matt Downes</p> <p><b>Water system updates – Mark</b></p> <p>Reservoir 91% full, should be back to normal streamflow soon</p> <p>Finished flushing for the year – weren't able to flush half the system, only about 20%</p> <p>Bruce asked when the town hits the full restriction level – Mark answered 36"</p> <p>No schedule on reservoir project yet</p> <p>Water master plan? Andrew – report apparently just came in yesterday or today. Mark said Sean's been reviewing the plan and they're planning to put a PDF online. Becky to reach out to DPW re: public comment / engagement.</p>

**Outdoor water use bylaw**

Working group – Freya, Kevin, and Joanne – presented their draft and members provided feedback. Major changes / updates to the Water Conservation bylaw are as follows:

1. Addition of Tiers (ie. Tier 1, Tier 2...) to the current 4 levels of water restrictions.
2. Increase fines for those who violate the bylaw.
3. Specifies that no new irrigation systems can hookup to town water (which has been policy since 2016).
4. Makes recommendations for private well owners (but no new regulations proposed).

Draft language will be sent to Town Counsel, DPW, and Planning. Comments will be incorporated and final language will be reviewed with BOS at their 1/19/21 meeting for inclusion in the Spring 2021 Town Meeting Warrant.

**Q&A**

- Paul B – disappointed public couldn't view documents before the meeting. Happy to see that we're not regulating private wells
- Freya mentioned an Oliver aquifer she found mapped on a state website
- Tom McNulty, Hatherly Golf Club – clarify no new regs on golf courses

Becky made a motion to submit the bylaw proposal to BOS to be included in the warrant, Freya seconded, all in favor via roll call.

**Approve November minutes**

Kevin motion, Bruce second, all in favor via roll call

**Recent correspondence**

Becky read Stockbridge Landing dump email – 11/8 Fwd: Important Information About Your Drinking Water and Potential Hazardous Waste

- Mark has no info, Kevin has been involved
- Bruce finds it very concerning
- Freya has met with Craig Dias and the Concerned Citizens, she has seen some of the documents which say “the dump is the biggest threat to human health” (1970s). Dump hasn't been monitored since the 1980s. Local people and companies have been using this as a dumping ground
  - o Any threat to the well that was near Fitz Mill? It's been closed for years. Was it due to contamination? Possibly from this dump?
  - o Why haven't these test wells been tested since the 1980s
- Bruce – what about water in First Herring Brook? Mark - Water Dept doesn't test it, BOH might (they test waterways like the beaches)
- Freya – Is Stockbridge Landing putting in an irrigation well?

Becky to follow-up with DEP, DPW & Scituate Concerned Citizens

**Open discussion**

Next meeting – early in Jan so we can vote on language and get on the 1/19 BOS agenda?

- Also move on to water conservation outreach and offsets

- For outreach, schedule outreach to pool companies and harbor master with educational flyers
- Wed, Jan 13

**Adjourn**