

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

7:30 PM

DPW Room, Scituate Town Hall

<u>Topic</u>
<p>Call to order – 7:31pm</p> <p>Attendees Deb Smith-Mooney Becky Malamut Jacqueline Bohn Joanne Wyckoff John Boehmke Kevin Finney</p> <p>Mark Cloud, Water Dept Asst Supervisor Karen Canfield via phone</p> <p>Water system update Intro to Mark Cloud, Water Dept Asst Supervisor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- His main role is the distribution system. He will keep an eye on all distribution projects that are in place, contractors, etc. This includes new construction (taps, connections), water main breaks, repairs, pipe replacement, meter replacement- He fields brown water phone calls and meets with customers <p>Water Department update – Mark Cloud</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- WTP up and running 12 hours per day- Flushing is complete- Still waiting for final approval on Well 18 from DEP- Marshfield installing a 6” on Julian St. There’s a big difference between what they’re billing us and what residents are using. This should help with accuracy.- Pressure reducing valve on Marshfield Ave has been installed and should be running later this week, and the second will be on Julian St- Contractor is just about finished with final 2 miles of pipe on Turner Rd, they’ve laid out bypass pipe on Oceanside Dr- Kevin wants to hold off on WTP tour until they have final report from the engineer- The plans for updating Well 17A is still before Planning Board <p>Brown water update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Any uptick in brown water complaints? There have been a few, they’ve been spread out. Flushing and all the work on Oceanside Dr could be the issue.- Some calls, some survey, some come down to get bottled water <p>Becky suggested giving residents a heads-up / reminder that usage typically spikes around the</p>

4th of July. All in attendance agreed.

Parcel updates

436 CJC Hwy

- Becky presented notes from calls with Joan and Drew from BOH. The BOH did issue the permit because it clearly was an upgrade but they were hopeful that the Town would purchase the land.

0 Country Way

- Joseph working with Planning to meet July 1 deadline for CPC
- WRC reviewed the Letter of support Becky drafted and voted. John made a motion to submit the letter, Deb seconded, all in favor.

Single meter policy update

Becky shared her notes from meetings with Brad Washburn, Karen Canfield and Nancy Holt. Brad and Karen want to see if we can revise the policy to lessen the financial burden on multi-unit developments. Becky to work with Nancy on a solution that meets all of our needs.

John brought up a simple questions - Why would the landlord have to charge the tenant under the single meter proposal? At the end of the day, it's the Water Department who charges the tenant. Or can the Water Dept send the bills to the landlord who then pays them directly and still charges a flat fee through the rent? Can that get us around this?

- Plymouth has one meter per unit and it works well. Mark thinks it's required
- Becky to review Groton and possibly Plymouth's rules & regs to see how they handle this

Outdoor water use restriction and enforcement

Fine increase – Joanne and Jacqueline

- Hard to find numbers but they found some
- Current Municipal Water Use Restrictions map on DEP website, <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/outdoor-water-use-restrictions-for-cities-towns-and-golf-courses>
- Seems everyone is \$50 for first offense then \$100. Some also provide a verbal warning first
- Karen commented that we need to understand how other towns handle this before presenting to the BOS
- Kevin suggested engaging with high water users

New Ideas for the restriction - Deb

- Red – Orange – Green
- Shared ideas for communicating with the town – Broadcast over the local channel, contact Mariner etc
- Karen said they're trying to find a designated point of contact for public communications
- Seth Fifer at Scituate Cable, always open to new programming. Karen will reach out to him

Is there a sign at the marina that says you can't hose your boat down between 9am and 5pm?

Decision to focus on fines for now then move on to simplifying restrictions

Per Karen, contract with Tighe & Bond hasn't been signed but they have started their prelim data collection. Start up meeting by mid-July which will be the official launch. Kevin and Jim to form committee to oversee the process – BOS, Planning, WRC, TA, Water Dept, town advocates. We will need to appoint liaison to this committee.

Committee liaison updates

CPC – Jacqueline

- Gary stepping down
- Reviewed Wampatuck Playground, turf for football fields, Lawson Terrace

Planning – Kevin and Becky

Zoning – John B – nothing water related

Conservation – Becky - Nothing

School Committee – Joanne – reviewed minutes, a bunch of trees planted have died was the only water related item

Senior Center site plan review

Becky reviewed a set of plans submitted for WRC review so committee members can see how the process works.

Approve minutes

Becky moved to approve the minutes with the inclusion of a link to the BOS meeting referenced in the minutes. Kevin seconded. All in favor - John abstained because he was not present at the meeting.

Recent correspondence

None

Open discussion

Next meeting, Tuesday, July 16 or **30**. We will select a date once Becky has a better sense of when the single meter policy revisions will be complete.

Adjourn – 9:48pm