

**WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, April 7, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**  
**REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

<u>Topic</u>
<p><b>Call to order</b></p> <p><b>Attendees</b> Becky Malamut Kevin Finney Freya Schlegel Joanne Wyckoff Emily Simmer Jacqueline Bohn Bruce Arbonies</p> <p>Mark Cloud Richard Green</p>
<p><b>Water system updates</b> Water Department update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reservoir at +2 inches</li><li>- Plenty of water for flushing, at 80% of the town, hope to get to 90% in the next few weeks</li><li>- Engineers working on Dolan Well Permit</li><li>- Well 18B residuals contract has gone out to bid – hope to get that operating before the summer</li><li>- Well 17A coming along</li><li>- Sampling for PFAS this month, which has a new threshold and we’ve never had to test for it before - byproduct of Teflon tape nonstick products etc</li><li>- Drought monitor says we’re “abnormally dry”</li><li>- SouthCo construction got both bids for the next two pipe projects</li><li>- Not many brown water reports, all are due to flushing</li></ul>
<p><b>Outdoor water use bylaw update</b> To be voted on at next week’s Town Meeting. We received a few questions via email after posting the informational PDF on the website, all positive.</p>
<p><b>Water offsets policy proposal</b> Becky reviewed notes from last night’s Select Board meeting, where the TA was tasked with putting together a group of Town employees to take the next steps.</p>

**Water conservation outreach strategy**

Rain barrel program & clover giveaway

- Becky to circulate distribution list and directions for pickup. Reviewed volunteer schedule.
- Becky to upload link to Darlene's rain barrel video and send FB post thanking people for participating, send link to our page with the video, etc

What's next for videos? Maybe ask people to submit their own videos showing what people do to save water.

Pools – Becky has reached out to water filling company but received no response, re: “fill Fridays” program

Marinas

- Create outreach for boat clubs
- Ask Water Dept for 2016-2019 to see if that high number was the norm. Can we separate fish pier from docks? Could the drop also be due to the new docks installed last year with the spigots

Business certification – Joanne and Kevin

- Business owners are stretched so thin right now
- Maybe create BMP doc that we can circulate this year - Becky to put this together

**Approve March minutes**

Add Joanne's Name

Kevin made motion to approve pending that change. Joanne seconded. All in favor via roll call.

**Recent correspondence**

- Board and Committee Chair Training – Becky reviewed need to have someone to take the minutes and/or handle the online updates. Kevin volunteered to take notes at future meetings.
- Planning Board applications – Bartlett Fields
- BOH meeting follow-up, re: private wells

**Open discussion**

Next meeting – Wed May 26

Town meeting articles – Land purchase CJC Hwy, Water Conservation Bylaw, Mandate & Rebate Program

**Adjourn**