

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

7:00 PM

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Attendees:

Joanne Wyckoff
Freya Schlegel
Becky Malamut
Bruce Arbonies
Emily Simmer
Jacqueline Bohn

2 Members of the public

Water system updates

Water Department update – No rep from the Water Dept so Becky provided the following updates:

- Water conservation bylaw likely won't go into effect until July (typically 90 days from vote)
- Water usage is up even from last year. Reservoir is overflowing, +1.5' as of Monday
- Well 17A tour update / review – Bruce provided a recap.
- Freya – legislature approved funding to continue monitoring North River
 - o Save Water Scituate responses were very focused on development → WRC to schedule another virtual forum, invite Ruth Thomson. Members to send ideas to Becky

Water conservation outreach

Freya was given permission from Select Board to sell 50g rain barrels at the Scituate Farmers Market. She will have a few barrels onsite and will be able to take orders from there. Farmers market will be held on Wednesdays from 4-7pm, June through September

Save Water Scituate video campaign

- Three videos have been submitted so far
- Next up, WRC members to reach out to colleagues and contacts to submit videos specific to different markets and topics.
- NSRWA has received 7 pledges to not water lawns so far

Restaurant outreach

- Reviewed Becky's draft BMP doc and discuss formatting and outreach – will reach out to Steph Burke for feedback from restaurant owner
- Still trying to schedule meeting with hardware store

Pools – No update

Marinas – No update

Rebate program

Becky is meeting with Jim Boudreau, Sean Anderson and Kevin Cafferty to review next steps on 6/8.

Anything we should do to prepare? Becky to create BMP doc for municipal buildings to act as map for mandate portion of the rebate program.

Approve April minutes

Freya made a motion to approve the minutes Becky submitted via email. Bruce seconded. All in favor via roll call vote.

Recent correspondence

Becky reviewed recent Planning Board applications shared with the WRC:

- 43 Watch Hill Dr – Inly School Project
- 60 Country Way – ANR Plan
- 279 Old Oaken Bucket Rd – Cottages at Old Oaken Bucket

Becky reviewed notes from the MMA and MIIA Joint Training – Code of Conduct.

Open discussion

Assign liaisons

- Planning – Becky
- School Committee – Emily
- EDC – Freya
- Con Comm – Joanne
- Zoning – Bruce
- Board of Health – Jackie

Becky Andrew requested letter to state officials, re: WTP. Becky still waiting on background info from Andrew.

Next meeting – Wed June 23 at 7pm. Per new guidelines, it may need to be in person post-June 15. Will wait to see if there's an update as it gets closer.

Adjourn