

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

7:00 PM

Scituate Library, Community Room

Topic

Call to order

Attendees:

Joanne Wyckoff

Becky Malamut

Emily Simmer

Bruce Arbonies

Jacqueline Bohn

Mark Cloud

Water system updates

Water Department & Brown Water update - Mark

- Pump + Wells = 1.4mgd
 - o When the flow drops off, they have a company that rejuvenates well / clears out the clogs that builds up. We recently did Wells 17 and 19. They usually do a couple per year
- Reservoir +4.5"
- Water main on OOB is 25% complete, all installed on utility road
- Getting ready to start pilot test for new WTP, piloting a few different types of treatment to see what works best
 - o Emily attended WTP tour, said it was well attended, residents asked good questions and got good answers
- Manganese starting to go up again
- Well 17A – electricity came on today, 30-60 days before it goes online
- Well 18A – contractor working on residuals mgmt, started construction, waiting on components
- No update on the Reservoir Project and whether or not engineering meeting has been scheduled
- Dolan Well Fields – DEP requested a re-sampling
- They're down 3 water distribution staff – other local towns are also experiencing this
 - o Can we offer training for residents who are interested?
- Brown water calls have been low, he expects them to go up with increase in manganese
- The artificial recharge animation we watched at one of our meetings is possible in Scituate but would need DEP approval and lots of work – it would be the first in MA
- Recent federal legislation passed that will substantially increase funding levels for water related projects, it remains to be seen how / if Scituate will see any of that
- Irrigation Violations? Still mail only? Yes. There was talk of bringing in a ticketing company

Water conservation outreach

Save Water Scituate videos – Seth will edit videos, I provided some content

- Discussed additional videos – Andrew’s clover video, Joanne and Jacqueline to put together a video showing their clover success stories

Becky meeting with Kyle Boyd next week, hope to schedule resident forum from there

Restaurant outreach – Becky still needs to complete doc and send to Andrew for formatting

- Maybe we can drop off USB ports with the hard copies and/or ask for email addresses when we get there

Marinas – Emily & Jacqueline offered to help outreach doc to send to Marinas

Pools – Becky to schedule meetings in the fall – Indian Head Water. Who else?

Library’s Dig In grant was approved – Becky to meet with library to discuss water conservation education and programming

Emily talked about trying to recruit her son’s environmental club to do a video – I suggested “where does our water come from” or “how does a watershed work? - Could they video one of the NSRWA educational programs? Could SCTV?

Offsets & Rebate programs update

Thomas Brennan – intern – working on templates for commercial development and the mitigation program, also looking into the type of account that would need to be created

Rebates will come next

Town Meeting warrant is open for the next 2 weeks – anything we want on there?

- Bruce had the idea to create some sort of communication plan to help communicate need and support for WTP
- More funding for WTP staff

Liaison updates

Planning – Becky

- ANR for 533 Country Way
- Bruce attended a meeting where they discussed next steps from the Master Plan. Focus needs to be long term, not just short term.

School Committee – Emily

- Putting together a committee to create proposal for Mass School Building Authority program to replace Hatherly and Cushing – Emily will reach out to Kim Peters to see if there will be an opportunity for boards and committees to comment and provide input on the plan
- She will also look into how to get curriculum info and we'll go from there
- Becky happy to reach out to PTO contacts in August to start conversation about including water conservation, watershed knowledge, etc in their events

Con Comm – Joanne

- Keep 626 CJC Hwy on your radar, it hasn't come up yet

Zoning – Bruce

- At the last meeting, there was discussion around creating a zoning bylaw to restrict how much fill you can use on a property (as of now, you can go as high as you want)
- 116 Country Way – < 150 ft from tributary, reducing size of driveway, adding on to the current house.
- 14-16 Old Country Way – received 1 year extension for their Special Permit

Board of Health – Jackie – Meeting was canceled

Approve June minutes

Emily moved to approve the minutes Becky sent via email. Bruce seconded. All in favor

Recent correspondence

None

Open discussion

Next meeting? Aug 25

Adjourn