

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 23, 2022
7:00 PM
Scituate Library, Large Conference Room

Topic

Call to order

Attendees:

Becky Malamut
Bruce Arbonies
Jackie Bohn
Freya Schlegel
Emily Simmer

Mark Cloud
Ian and Linda Fraser

Water system updates

Water Department update - Mark

- Full outdoor water use ban March 23-April 11 for repairs to WTP
 - o Well 17A has been running 10-14 hours per day since Monday -
 - o Prepared Well 18 in case there was an emergency
- Rough draft of water tank study – recommendation is to rehab the two tanks we have and not add a third.
- Water main construction moving forward will be delayed – any new pipes will take 7 months to arrive
- Select Board just approve new Water Division Specs for contractors, biggest change is that we're now allowing plastic pipes (used to only allow copper) which is less expensive
- Dolan Well Field – he believes they're working on permitting

Brown water update – 1 call this month from a street that is getting a new hydrant

Reservoir Project

- Kevin mentioned this at the recent Select Board meeting – they want to add an intake to the WTP directly from the Reservoir and it sounded like the expansion would then wait until after the WTP is complete, which is about 3 years

WTP update, including Town Meeting

Bruce & Freya's notes from Select Board meeting

- New plant will be uphill from Tack Factory Pond at 443-461 CJC Hwy
- Space for the plant and room to increase capacity over time
- There will be a few lagoons on property, where they can send backwash as they treat

the water, backwash will leach through the lagoon and infiltrate GW which will also take some load off the sewer system

- 30' buffer on 3A and 60' buffer behind the plant
- The current cost estimate is about \$47MM. Each year of delay adds about \$2.4MM
 - o 2.5 from ARPA funds, potentially more from Clean Water Trust
- If approved at Town Meeting, will go out to bid late summer / early fall, complete 2.5 years from then

Ian and Linda Fraser attended on behalf of their son who bought property on Old Forge Road in July. He did not know about the proposed development until now. We let them know the property was purchased by the Town in April 2021 and it was mentioned as a potential site for the WTP then. Bruce and Freya were able to share some of what they heard about construction, keeping noise low, etc. Becky suggested they now follow Planning Board agendas to track the status and attend hearings

Outreach

- Sean going before Planning Board for an ANR this week
- Highlights to be posted on the Water Resource site, along with FB update and email
- Ruth Thompson open to writing an article

Offsets & Rebate programs update

Rebates

- Becky to send form links to Jim

Offsets

- Becky heard that a Consultant may be starting in May – she will followup

Rain barrel program update and logistics

Just under 100 barrels as of 3/21

Reminder to go out this week, deadline to order is 3/24

Reviewed Day Of Schedule

Spring outreach campaign

Boats & marinas – Jackie and Emily to provide bullets for Marinas

BMPs for public buildings – Joanne passed out her draft → WRC members to review and discuss at next meeting

Becky still working on Restaurants doc, Pool owners doc and “Fill Fridays”

Rainwater reuse proposal

Freya has met with a few resources and will keep on it – talk to Planning Board for feedback, see what (if anything) has happened in Ipswich, etc

Municipal Water Infrastructure Investment Fund

Bruce still looking for a manager who could do this for the Town
Reached out to MMA for any of their resources

Liaison updates

Planning – Becky

- ANR for WTP 443-461 CJC
- 93 & 109 Elm St – just passed Zoning. ID'd issue with the map in that it doesn't show that some lots fall in Zone A (not just WRPD)

Zoning – Bruce

- 5 Williamsburg Lane
- 93 & 109 Elm St just got their ZBA approval for their lots

School Comm – Emily – no update

BOH – Jackie – left before we got to this

EDC – Freya – no update

Con Comm – Joanne – no update

Approve February minutes

Becky forgot to send → to be discussed in April

Recent correspondence**Open discussion**

Planning Board's lot shape article will address "rat tail" lots, where a lot has a long skinny section that isn't buildable but does count toward their buildable area

Next meeting date – Tuesday April 26

Adjourn