

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

Monday, August 12, 2019

7:30 PM

Scituate Library

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Becky Malamut

John Boehmke

Deb Smith-Mooney

Joanne Wyckoff

Shirley Young

Mark Cloud – Scituate Water Department

Ree Martin

1. Meeting Call to Order at 7:32 pm

2. Water system updates

Water Department Update

Mark Cloud –

- Water treatment plant is working 14-16 hours /day
- Pipe flushing will start mid September
- Tighe and Bond gave a program to flush hydrants: working from treatment plant out. It will take 30 working days to flush most of the pipe, which will take 2-3 months. Flushing will be done during spring and fall. The model is designed to flush the majority of the pipes. The pipes at the low-pressure part of the town will be done manually.
- Ice pigging will continue to be done. It does more targeted approach.
- Water usage – 2 MGD: 50% from wells, 50% from reservoir
- Incidents Reports – Through emails. The department is currently concentrating on pipes and valves for flushing in September.
- Funding for abatements and filters – Not budgeted yet.
- First Water Study meeting on August 13, 2019: Tighe and Bond, WRC, Town Administrator, Town Planner and Water Dept, resident stakeholders.
- Becky suggested a communication to residents, address this year's issues, what's the status since last year's brown water meeting, what's coming next. Communication would come through Sean and Kevin.
- Well 18 – Production 180,000 GPD.
- Contractor just about to finish up the ocean side cast iron pipe replacement. Next would be Mann Lot Road where there are concrete pipes.
- Well 17A – Currently at Conservation Commission for discussion.

3. Single meter policy update and Vote on final proposal

John moved that WRC recommends Water Commissioners adopt the single meter policy.

If the analysis does not support \$250 per additional meter, then the \$250 fee would be

changed to reflect the analysis. Deb seconded, it passed unanimously. The suggested Policy starting date would be the day after the BOS meeting.

4. Outdoor water use restriction and enforcement

Sean (Water Dept.) – The department has pre-printed ticket to fine the water restriction violators. Ideally would like to subcontract to a third party for documenting violations, then ticket through the Water Department. A suggestion would be to print out the top users, put smart meters in their homes for monthly monitoring.

In-flux of summer residents is based on the number of homes that are second homes. Need to figure out what accounts for the summer water increase usage and if irrigation is the problem in the summer – survey top water users, better understand seasonal fluctuations – then focus WRC resources on those targets

5. Committee liaison updates

- CPC - 0 Country Way. Will be voted on August 19, 2019.
- Planning - Drew Company was continued on the Planning Board
 - 443 CJH was proposed 8 lots, 3 driveways connecting to CJH.
 - 10 Woodworth Lane - Accessory dwelling
- Nothing on School Committee
- Nothing on Conservation
- Nothing on Planning Board

6. Approve minutes

Becky made motion to approve the minutes, John seconded, passed unanimously.

7. Recent correspondence – done

8. Open discussion:

Next Meeting Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 7:30 pm Town Hall

9. Adjourned at 9:11 pm