

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

Monday, September 24, 2019

7:30 PM

Scituate Town Hall, DPW Room

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Becky Malamut

John Boehmke

Jacqueline Boh

Kevin Finney

Joanne Wyckoff

Shirley Young

Kevin Cafferty - DPW

Mark Cloud – Scituate Water Department

Martha Cook

1. Meeting Call to Order at 7:32 pm

2. Water System Updates

Water Department Update

- Kevin – Tomorrow night, 9/25/19, going before Capital Planning to request \$3M from Town Meeting to replace Galvanized pipes and older soft transite pipes, and more hydrants
- Mann Lot Road project is 2/3 complete. Testing first 1000 ft and can contact those houses as soon as testing is complete.
- Flushing 128,000gpd. Completed 3 zones in 3 weeks, 6 more to go. Goal is to flush 100 miles of pipe and hope to flush through December as long as the weather holds.
- Reservoir is down 26", Kevin shared concern about keeping up with streamflow releases.
- Ice pigging is starting sometime in October. Going after Main pipes. The plan needs to be reviewed internally.
- DEP did sanitary survey of the Water Treatment Plant. Just put \$1M for the short-term repair – two months, still need long term solution.
- Water tanks – Last year took out 17" of sediment. This year took out 1". Need a 3rd water tank. Need to spend money to update water tanks per OSHA.
- Scituate wells are between 90-120 feet.
- Dolan well field is not very deep – it will replenish during the winter and store water through the summer. It was originally permitted in the 1990's but never built. We are planning to get permit to reopen the field and the next step is to dig deeper test wells. John B asked if we drilled any deeper to see if there's anything below this perched aquifer, Kevin referred to Dan Smith who managed this project and is currently out of the office

- Next Selectmen meeting will be discussing water rate hike. Need money to continue to fund the ongoing capital projects.
- Water Study – Public meeting, invitation only, was held in August. Tighe and Bond is planning to share deliverables. Big push has been getting uni-directional flushing program completed. The goal is to complete the study by January 2020.

Brown Water Update

- Per Mark Cloud, no complaints lately.
- Becky asked for thoughts on doing direct outreach to chronic brown water get-ters after flushing to see if there's a difference (though hard to make connection because there's so little brown water this time of year anyway). Kevin open to it, he has a list and/or the Water Dept will.

3. **Single Meter Policy Update**

No update. Tighe and Bond suggests using System valuation divide by total capacity = per gallon cost or Meter Hookup Cost.

4. **Outdoor Water Use Restriction and Enforcement**

Jacqueline called Marshfield and Rockland, the people she spoke to had no answers. Basically, no one enforces their restrictions

Water study will look at seasonal fluctuations and we hope to use that data to focus outreach next spring. Becky to reach out to Tighe and Bond to see if things like boaters' water use and private wells show up in the Water System Study

5. **End of Year Planning**

Finish municipal BMPs and Water Offset. Next year, irrigation restriction regulations.

Becky to send Water Conservation Plan and Summary of recommendations to WRC to bring any other ideas to the next meeting.

6. **Committee Liaison Updates**

CPC – 0 Country Way was to be voted on Aug 19 – tabled until the September meeting

Planning – Kevin to keep an eye on Drew, 443-461 CJC Hwy, 10 Woodworth Lane

Zoning – none

Conservation – none

School Committee – There was something in the minutes re: watering the field Toll Brothers is building as a play field at Wampatuck. Joanne to send notes to Becky.

Becky to check in with Widows Walk Committee re: new irrigation system

7. **Approve Minutes**

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

8. **Recent Correspondence – Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Water Reservoir Project complete. Out for review by state and town agencies.**

9. **Open Discussion:**

Next Meeting Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 7:30 pm Town Hall

10. Adjourned at 9:10 pm