

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

Monday, October 29, 2019

7:30 PM

Scituate Town Hall, BOH Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Becky Malamut
Jacqueline Bohn
Kevin Finney
Joanne Wyckoff
Shirley Young

Mark McCormack – Lives on Gannet Road with Water Main work, is curious about WRC.

1. Meeting Call to Order at 7:37 pm

2. Water System Updates

- Water Department Update
 - Reservoir is gaining at -11 inches. Low was -32.5 inches.
 - Finished the first 4 flushing zones. Now in zone 5.
 - Ice Pigging finished today on 3A. Good removal of sediment.
 - Treatment plant Average about 340,000 gallons a day.
 - DEP Sanitary Survey well with a few items that need to be addressed.
 - With Ice Pigging finished we have several small leaks in town that we are going to focus on.
 - Lead and copper sampling – second round of 60 samples. We will try to complete in November.
- Brown Water Update – need updates from the Water Department for call-ins.
 - It would be nice to have monthly water quality report.
 - Joanne and Jacqueline commented that they are still hearing that people have brown water
- Water System Study Update
 - Goal is completion by January 15, 2020 but the initial stakeholder group still has not received an update or documents to review since the August meeting.
 - Tighe & Bond consultant told Becky they plan to meet with the stakeholder group soon to provide an update on the analysis
- Private Well Regulations and meeting with the Director of the BOH
 - The Board passes the regulations so we would present directly to them.
 - Scituate has 137 wells, 47 for irrigation.
 - Joanne and Jacqueline to ask other towns if they have private well irrigation restrictions.

3. End of Year Planning

- Require private wells to follow irrigation restrictions

- Water Offset – Becky to re-engage Water Department to utilize AWE resources
- BMP Doc for Schools and Municipal Buildings – Becky to update and share with WRC
- Refine irrigation restriction
- Water conservation inside the public buildings
- Focus on water quality and more regular updates
- Wait for results of Water System Study to see which action items we can pick up

4. Committee Liaison Updates

- CPC – Jacqueline – Per minutes, CPC voted to have the applicant withdraw without prejudice, get an appraisal and possibly come back to CPC. She will follow up with the new Chair
- Planning - Kevin – No updates on Drew Company, 443-461 CJC Hwy or 10 Woodworth Lane
- Conservation – Becky – No update
- Zoning – John B – No update (sent to Becky via email)
- School – Joanne – No update
- Widow's Walk – Becky to reach out re: Irrigation plan?

5. Approve Minutes

Shirley made motion to approve the September minutes, Kevin seconded, passed unanimously.

6. Recent Correspondence

- Reviewed Definitive Subdivision Plan for 14 & 16 Old Country Way

7. Open Discussion:

- Next Meeting Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 7:30 pm Town Hall
- Town Meeting Articles
 - Building Moratoriums - Two articles: Town By Law or State Legislator for 1 year - Should not build (including commercial development) anymore until the water study is done.
 - Establishing a separate board of water commissioners (must be residents and elected).
 - Commission decided to remain independent on all three articles

8. Adjourned at 9:05 pm