

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

Monday, November 19, 2019

7:30 PM

Scituate Town Hall, DPW Room

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Becky Malamut
Jacqueline Boh
Joanne Wyckoff
Shirley Young

Kevin Cafferty
Ben Bornstein

1. Meeting Call to Order at 7:41 pm

2. Water System Updates

Water Department Update

- Gannett Road water pipes were done; the road will not be rescheduled to be repaved until the town makes a decision about bringing sewer to North Scituate.
- Man Lot Road, pipe complete. Pavement also pending North Scituate sewer decision.
- Booth Hill Road, completed water pipe installation. Town will review asphalt in the spring
- Flushing, 7 of 9 phases will be completed by this Friday, November 22.
- Sampling had good results compared to October and June, manganese dropped at all sites
- Ice pigging, completed for the season. If the pipes were bad, did twice.
- PRV (Pressure Reduction Valve) to be set up for Hummarock.
- MVP grant for reservoir project was submitted last week

Water System Study Update

- Water Study – Mid-January for the study to complete. Trying to set up for a public outreach meeting. Interim conversation hopefully will be in mid-December. Tighe and Bond set up the uni-directional flushing program with 9 phases.
- Sewer Rules and Regulations – One must have sewer serviced and inspected when the house is sold.

Brown Water Update

- Per Kevin, most brown water complaints / surveys are in line with flushing
- We would like to develop questions and list of chronic brown water “getters” in order to assess efficacy of flushing and pigging but no one seems to have a list
- According to Kevin, there are about 30 streets that will always have brown water – Foam Rd as an example
- There have been 2 requests for abatements

- We offered to develop framework for filter rebate program, to be in place July 1 if brown water spikes

3. Private Well Regulations

Joanne – Hanover: The well verified to be separated from the town water. No restriction. Norwell does not require well registration.

Jacqueline – Marshfield does not require well registration. Duxbury is very strict to make sure well water and town water are separated; no restriction on irrigation with wells.

Ben suggested we contact Norfolk, where they are on a permanent water ban.

4. Water Offset Policy – Becky to meet with Mark Cloud first week of December for mitigation fee.

5. Committee Liaison Updates

- Jacqueline: CPC tabled 0 Country Way project. Next meeting December 10th.
- Kevin Finney: Planning Board. Single-family home conversion to two-families requires separate sewer lines. 443-461 CJC Hwy, Kevin C suggested that the buffer should be 400' even though Tack Factory Pond was classified as a tributary it is public water supply
- Widow's Walk: Town approved funding for irrigation. The new irrigation system was designed. Man-made pond up high is the irrigation pond. Frontcourt pond could pump water to the man made pond for supplemental irrigation. Well has too much salt and manganese, golf course only uses it for irrigation when absolutely necessary.
- School Committee: Wampatuck playground – Peter Gates is concerned about the playground irrigation if there were a water ban.

6. Approve Minutes

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

7. Recent Correspondence

- 14 & 16 Old Country Way plan reviewed last month was not real building plan.

8. Open Discussion:

- Next Meeting Tuesday, January 28, 2019 at 7:30 pm Town Conference Room.

9. Adjourned at 8:54 pm