

## **WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### Topic

#### **Call to order – Call to order 7:32pm**

##### Attendees:

Bruce Arbonies

Becky Malamut

Joanne Wykoff

Jaqueline Bohn

Sam Woods

Michelle Craddock

Kevin Cafferty

Frank Kilduff

Becky introduced the newest member of the WRC, Bruce Arbonies. She also let attendees know we still have one open seat on the WRC.

#### **Water system updates**

##### Water Department & Brown Water update – Kevin Cafferty

- Flushing in the high service zone (higher elevation, west of 3A) should be done this week, this is the end of the fall/winter flushing.
- They can do spot flushing if people complain of brown water
- Becky to ask Jim B for MVP update and who NSRWA should work with on the next phase(s) of the reservoir project so they don't get orphaned
- No update on increasing sewer capacity

##### Water System Study update

- Tighe & Bond presenting the next update to the BOS next Tuesday. It's not a final report

#### **NSRWA Streamflow Targets update – Sam Woods, Michele Craddock and Sara Grady presenting**

##### Highlights:

- Sara's tool for the operators showed that we were never less than 140 days from a water ban
- Streamflow targets set at lowest they can while still allowing enough flow for fish etc
- Targets have been the same since 2011 when this started
- Appears to be time during Sept and Oct when the town stopped streamflow releases but there was enough water in the reservoir at the time

## **2020 Planning**

### **Water offset policy - Becky**

- Working on mitigation fee, not going to use AWE tool. Becky to work on the math to figure out what we need to charge to have enough money to fund projects that will have an impact.
- Suggested adding \$1 per bill to go toward Conservation that will then go into the same fund (once it's created). Becky to run numbers to determine if this will have an impact.
- Hanover mall developers mitigation includes replacing 800 meters across town at \$350 each. Per Sam, this was part of Hanover's plan to get back to their WMA permitted withdrawal (they overdrew and received a consent order).

### **Private well regulations**

- Joanne and Jacqueline have had not luck finding other towns on the south shore that regulate wells.
- Per Michele Craddock, MassRivers Alliance did a study looking at irrigation restrictions and private wells. Most towns that regulate this are on the north shore.
- Also, DEP model private well bylaw that we should take a look at.

### **Seasonal water use survey**

- Becky received a list of high water users from the Water Dept. Becky and Bruce to review the data and put together a list of account numbers we want to contact, then ask Water Dept for contact info.
- Discussed the benefit of reaching out in person vs mail, receptive to in-person outreach to start and using north shore survey as a model.
- We're trying to understand how residents use water during the warmer months
- Sam suggested setting a target for summer water use, once we better understand the demographic of what's happening.
- Becky to talk to Harbormaster to get access to docks this summer to see if we can take a look at hoses, etc – Cole Parkway is the biggest water user. Send recs for water controls, lower flow sprayers.

Framework for whole house filter rebate program – To be discussed once initiatives above are further along.

BMP documents - To be discussed once initiatives above are further along.

## **Committee liaison updates**

CPC – Jacqueline – No update on 0 Country Way, she hasn't received anything

### **Planning**

- Becky provided update on proposed project at 443-461 CJC Hwy, which is still working toward Planning Board approval.

Zoning – Need new rep – not addressed

Conservation – Becky – No update

School Committee – Joanne – No update

**Approve minutes**

Becky moved to accept November minutes, Joanne seconded, all in favor

**Recent correspondence**

None

**Open discussion**

- Next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb 25 at 7:30pm
- Jacqueline brought up the new sewer line regs for purchasing and selling homes. The town is starting to enforce and homeowners are supposed to go down to the sewer dept to see if their pipes meet code prior to selling their house and, if they don't, homeowner may need to update pipes prior to a sale of the house.

**Adjourn – 9:28pm**