

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 24, 2022

7:00 PM

Scituate Library

Attendees:

Bruce Arbonies
Freya Schlegel
Kevin Finney
Becky Malamut
Joanne Wyckoff
Jackie Bohn
Emily Simmer

Mark Cloud
Renee Lanza

Water System Updates

Water Department update

- +1.25" yesterday reservoir, tack factory pond also +
- Demand last week 8.4 mg – 5.5 from the wells
- 0.14" rain
- Water main replacement moving along

Brown Water update

- Manganese levels increasing as are brown water reports – Lawson Terrace & Aberdeen
- Town will flush near the HS to see if this helps

WTP update

- Renee Lanza from Woodard & Curren joined via Zoom
 - o One more pilot test scheduled during peak manganese this summer so we can finalize treatment needs
 - Suggested an open house and tour of the pilot plant during this time
 - o Public opinion survey to be completed in early June. 2 weeks of targeted outreach to reach a representative sample of residents and it will then be available online for anyone who wants to participate.
 - o Interactive map and website will likely come after the survey, once they better understand a broader range of resident concerns.
 - o Info sessions to be planned throughout the summer
- Becky has been attending weekly meetings with the consultants

Spring Conservation outreach:

Pool owners? Becky to reach out to three local pool companies.

Previous years we have sent out notes with tips on conserving water. Decided we should do this again, we'll start with lawn watering tips.

Discussed hosting information sessions in August which would include Water Treatment Plant details among other topics.

Offsets & Rebates:

Becky sent Jim details on the rebate program and met with Tighe & Bond on what we would need for an RFP for the offsets.

Rainwater use:

No update

Muni Water Infra fund:

Bruce inquiring about possible ways to appropriately invest money for future water projects. Inquiring with Mass Municipal Association.

Liaison updates:

Conservation (Joanne):

Humarock water main project was discussed

Discussing expanding Central field. Irrigation is on site, but currently not in regular use. Testing of the system is underway. Will be doing in ground irrigation system. Will do soil samples. Discussed possible suggestions on how to preserve water such as cisterns, etc. Joanne to draft a set of recommendations.

Health (Jackie):

Herring Brook Meadow – Developers saying comprehensive permit was granted in 2006. Some discussion on whether that approval is still valid. Tabled to next meeting.

Zoning (Bruce):

5 Williamsburg (off Country Way) - Owners have offered to use a Fast System waste water treatment system at their own cost. Will also construct a rain garden for excess water - a submerged area with vegetation. Will only use organic fertilizer. Willing to pay up to \$10,000 for a particle separator to “clean” water coming off of Country Way. WRC is being given an opportunity to offer thoughts & recommendations. Bruce also voiced concern regarding pitch in the rear of the property.

Motion: Create list of requirements for submission to zoning board regarding granting of setback variances.

Seconded

Becky: Nay

Et Al: Aye

Motion Passes: 6-1

Economic Development Committee (Freya):

RFP going out for Pier 44.

Approval of April Minutes:

Some corrections were recommended and incorporated.

Motion to pass with changes, passes unanimously

Recent Correspondence:

None

Open Discussion:

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 14th, 7PM

Adjourn