

## **WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**Community Room, Scituate Library**

#### Topic

##### **Call to order**

##### Attendees:

Freya Schlegel

Emily Simmer

Bruce Arbonies

Joanne Wyckoff

Becky Malamut

Bob DeLorenzo

Kat Kelley

##### **Water System Updates**

Water Department update – Kat Kelley

- WTP has been offline due to a problem with one of the filters; wells have adequate supply to meet demand on their own.
- Water quality in reservoir hasn't been great
- Wells manganese levels 0.02
- Reservoir is at -25.5 which is much better than it has been but nowhere near as much as we had this time last year
- Tack Factory Pond has been spilling over
- Downgraded to Level 1 mild drought as of Oct 1
- Water main replacements wrapping up Nov 11
  - o Well 10 back online and rehabbed. We proactively rehab our wells approx every 2 years

Brown Water update

- Some calls from Foxwell Lane where they've have trouble with the main line, which they're flushing at night.

WTP update

- Kat hasn't heard any recent updates. Becky to reach out to consultants re: future outreach strategy

**BMP's for municipal buildings – Joanne**

Reviewed Joanne's draft document

What will we do with this?

- Post on our website
- Add graphic design and present to building dept, school committee, dpw, public housing.
- Email residents, let them know it exists and where to find it.

**Rainwater capture for municipal fields**

Freya attended a Recreation Commission meeting, very supportive of using 200k to fund rainwater capture on municipal fields.

- Central Park and field behind Old Gates have irrigation systems so it would make sense to start here
- Veteran's Gym and Central Park both have large roofs that we could use to irrigate the fields next to each

Bruce called a bunch of towns

- Hingham, Cohasset and Marshfield use wells to water their fields, follow irrigation restriction
- Waiting on calls back from a few other towns

We will hold off on any additional research until we have a better understanding of how the Select Board decides to allocate these funds

**Liaison updates**

BOH – Jackie – not here

EDC – Freya - none

Con Comm – Joanne – no updates

Planning – Becky

- 7 New Driftway hearing last month. Based on the minutes, the hearing was continued and they did not yet address / vote on

Zoning – Bruce

- Freya listened into the 5 Williamsburg Lane hearing on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Per Bruce, engineer came back with a more detailed report. Engineer stated that "it does not propose water supply threat" and they granted the variance. Also gave the town 10k
- Discussed re-writing the Non-Disturbance Buffer Zone to allow people to build in this area if they don't degrade water quality with solutions that don't require long-term O&M BUT our concern is that it could create additional problems down the line. For now, we will keep language as is, stay on top of the relevant committees, and make sure they know the relevant issues.

School Committee – Emily

- Freya reported that there is a Green Schools initiative in place, they want us to start attending meetings in January to provide input.

**Approve September and October minutes**

Becky made a motion to approve the minutes submitted via email. Emily seconded. All in favor

**Recent correspondence**

None

**Open discussion**

Bob Delorenzo, De-Sal Exploratory Committee update

- He has assembled a group of interested citizens
- Next step is to make a presentation to the Town Administrator, then the Select Board to move forward with this exploratory group. Once he receives approval, will reach out to Sen O'Connor's Office

Next meeting – Tues, Dec 13

Becky stepping down as Chair of the WRC in Q1 2023

**Adjourn**