

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday April 12, 2023

7:00 PM

Large Conference Room, Scituate Library



Call to order

Members present:

Bruce Arbonies, Chair

Jacqueline Bohn

Freya Schlegel

Emily Simmer

Joanne Wyckoff

Others present:

Kristen Jamski, town resident interested in water and conservation

Water System Updates

- Wells 19 and 22 are down, adding up to about 500 gpm. 19 is expected to take two weeks for redevelopment. This maintenance was originally scheduled for February but parts, availability, and scheduling were an issue.
- Being the middle of flushing and the start of the warmer weather make this a very inconvenient time to be down those water sources. Treatment plant has been running well into the evening so levels don't drop so much overnight that they are unable to meet emergency needs.
- Main break last night on Ermine St – were able to isolate within a few hours.
- The manganese contactors are set to begin work in the next two weeks
- Piping from the plant was installed last week.
- Tack Factory Pond is +2.25", Reservoir is +2".
- Rainfall for the past week = .01" as measured at the TP.
- Demand for the past week:
 - Wells – 7,290,000 Gallons
 - TP – 660,000 Gallons
 - Total = 7,950,000 Gallons or 1,136,000 Average gallons per day.
- Flushing continues – locations posted daily on town website.

Rain Barrel Event Update & Planning

- 66 barrels have been ordered – sales were strong when first announced but have plateaued
- Bruce will ask town to send another email.
- Emily and Freya will continue sharing on Facebook.

Earth Day event GAR Hall 4/22, 10-1

Bruce has a table and some info to hand out and a rain barrel to display – can help people with online ordering.

Untold Brewing event May 6

- Part of Go to Greenbush Day after Ship Shape
- Freya has been in touch with Matt and will have a tent and table and a rain barrel to raffle off and info to share.

Rain Capture Test

Veterans gym site will be used – will capture water from the roof in a cistern and use to irrigate adjacent fields. Getting the water from the cistern to the fields is still to be figured out.

WRC Liaison Updates

- Jackie – BOH – no update
- Freya – Planning & EDC – no update – Planning board meeting on 4/27
- Bruce – ZBA
 - 27 Pineview – addition approved
 - 224 CJC garage – continued
 - 7 Driftway condo proposal – board granted special permit and approved the plan. In zone A, substantial stormwater requirements.
- Joanne – ConCom – no update
- Emily – SBC – this week's meeting postponed to 4/27 – will present site options. Mentioned at last meeting that part of Cushing site was in water protection zone 2.

Approve March minutes

Approved unanimously

Open discussion

- Bob Delorenzo and his desalination exploratory committee are meeting with Jim Boudreau to discuss their ideas. Town sewer might need to be relocated – bad spot due to sea level rise – so if desalination plant were being considered it might make sense to combine the projects.
- Plan is not for anything huge and fancy like San Diego – just a small operation to help us with supplemental water when needed.
- Next meeting will be Monday, May 15, 7pm

Adjourn