

Water Resources Committee – Meeting minutes – May 30, 2017

Attendees

Committee Members:

Becky Malamut - Chair

Martha Cook

Shirley Young

John Boehmke

Michael Clark

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM
2. No one from the water department was available to provide a water system update
3. Committee members introduced themselves and discussed possible projects for the committee including education, water banking, offset, tying development to new sources of water, limiting use of private wells if they could affect town water supply, making sure the water department has adequate resources, making sure people can use water, conservation, ecology, being good stewards of the town water and enlarging the reservoir.
4. Proactive measures to encourage water conservation were discussed.
 - a. Tips on web site:
 - i. Letting people know about the current water restrictions
 - ii. Rain barrel program
 - iii. Pool service to reduce evaporation
 - iv. Private wells
 - b. Reaching out to boaters via harbormaster (done) and private marinas
 - c. Golf courses
5. Action related to a Meter Policy was discussed, including steps needed to move ahead
 - a. Find out from planning how many new units are in various stages of planning (Becky)
 - b. Find out how much it will cost to do a rate study and how to proceed. Mike agreed to call a colleague.
6. Meeting minutes for the April 25th meeting were approved. John moved and Shirley seconded
7. There was no recent correspondence.
8. Open Discussion
 - a. Greenbush Visioning Meeting – interesting discussion
 - b. Conservation Plan – members were asked to review the existing plan to come up with additional ideas for the Committee action
9. Becky moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM. Mike seconded.