**WRC Minutes**

**8/28/2018**

**Attendees**

John Boehmke

Martha Cook

Becky Malamut

Shirley Young

Kevin Cafferty

Sean on the phone

Chris Eck

Ben Bornstein

Becky called the meeting to order at 7:28

**Water Update – Kevin Cafferty**

* Peak water usage was 1.9 on August 27
	+ same as July average
	+ source = .9 wells, 1.0 reservoir
* planning to shut the treatment plant in December to make repairs
	+ if plant fails before repair, we will have to connect to another water system
* Looking for portable green sand filter for Well 17a to remove manganese
	+ Planning to do a study of how water flows in the system
* Stream flow release has been stopped
* Plans for a system-wide water study have been tabled for now
	+ Current priorities are
		1. Brown water
		2. Sea walls
		3. Water treatment plant problems

*Brown Water Meeting Discussion*

* Becky pointed out that it was good because everyone wants to learn
* Chris pointed out that people have stopped complaining because it doesn’t seem to produce any results
* The group discussed a variety of ways to collect data – more user friendly online survey, paper survey available at Town Hall or Water Dept, notation on water bills
* Kevin explained how difficult this is and all the things they are doing
	+ Sean has already been to a bunch of houses and his guys now have sample bottles so they can take samples when they’re out
	+ Kevin planning hydraulic study to show where ice pigging and flushing should happen, etc etc
	+ Becky volunteered to help get the word out of all the things they are doing
	+ John encouraged DPW to better understand the problems they are solving
	+ The group discussed the benefits of hiring another DPW person to run the brown water resolution project.
		1. Becky moved to write a letter to the BOS supporting the green sand filter and an assistant for Sean. Lack of support for green sand filter. Becky then moved to write a letter to the BOS supporting an assistant for Sean. John seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

*Reservoir project*

* 436 CJCH – Becky sent septic system requirements to BOH and broker.
* Sean was interested in purchasing this initially but 400k is too high, Becky to confirm assessed value (Joe Devito, Town Assessor)

*Green Property on Old Oaken Bucket*

* Dick Green in hoping the town will buy his property for conservation and potential new water source
* This proposal was previously rejected
* Kevin’s feedback – he thinks this is in the same aquifer as our current wells, he wants our next source to be in another aquifer like Dolan Wells is
* Sean’s feedback – anything near cranberry bogs will potentially have iron and manganese levels
* Matter is tabled until John can read the document
* Group discussed the possibility that the town may lose use of wells 10 and 11 due to salt water intrusion
	+ Sean affirmed that 10 was shut during a storm to make sure there was no intrusion
	+ Kevin suggested we could get a FEMA grant to replace these wells elsewhere

***Water Offset Update***

* Becky said that the remaining topics needing resolution are:
	+ Mitigation Fees – how much to charge
		- Current work focused on cost to treat and deliver water
		- Alternative could be based on cost to
			* Develop Dolan well
			* Add capacity to the reservoir
* Other topics include
	+ Offset required (2:1 or 1:1)
	+ How to regulate
		- Current plan is Water Dept Rules and Regs
		- Concern about
			* ANR – approval not required
			* Subdivision off of a common driveway
			* Special zoning such as Toll Brothers
		- Alternative would be to use subdivision regs
	+ Exemptions
		- Several people feel strongly about no exemptions
		- Others have suggested single family equivalent
		- Alternat*ve idea is to allow exemptions as a trial period based on predicted gallons*
	+ Projects vs cash payment
		- Most are in favor of cash only
		- Concern is that it could be construed as a tax, but town legal counsel has advised that it is OK

*Comprehensive Water Study*

* All agreed that this needs to be pushed
* Becky agreed to talk to Brad Washburn and Jim Boudreau to help move this forward
* Ben may also speak to Brad about this

***New Initiatives***

Becky moved to send out Martha’s letter re: WRC background and support, to other committees. John seconded and it was approved unanimously.

All other items tabled until the next meeting.

***Open Discussion***

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept 25

***Approve Minutes***

Becky moved to approve minutes. Shirley seconded and it was approved unanimously.

**Recent Correspondence – Jeff Rosen**

* Original WRC chair and currently running a consulting business providing expert advice on water problems
* He attended the brown water meeting and wants to provide suggestions
* Primary message is that the town does not understand the problem and needs to put together a sampling plan and a systematic plan
* Becky to pass this letter on to BOS, DPW, Water Dept and TA

**Adjourn 11:11pm**