**Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Feb 28, 2017**

Attendees:

Mike Kwiecien, Water Dept

Kevin, DPW

Becky Malamut

Deb Mooney-Smith

Martha Cook

Shirley Young

Mike Clark

Maura Curren

Call to order 7:31pm

Water System Update, Mike Kwiecien, Water Dept

* Reservoir is full, 3” over. Wells are currently able to meet demand withouth needing to run the treatment plant. Plant was recently shut down to repair sand filter.
* Projects in progress: Installing VFD motors on wells, Well 22 satellite well, filling and flushing water mains (which has led to some brown water)
* Becky requested a tour of the wells, Mike K and Kevin were open to it.
* Replacing about 4 miles of pipe this summer, largest section runs under 123 and the rotary.

Kevin received a letter from the Housing Authority, re: one meter per property letter.

* Town’s liability is to the property line. For many developments in town, the property line is the edge of the property then there’s a private way. That private way is basically the main, so if there’s a leak or break, the water dept needs to go in and fix it. If we do one meter per unit, that would put ownership back on the town, they would need to get easements to do work, etc
* Shirley explained the water conservation benefits of one meter, Martha brought up the issue with leaks that happen when someone is away
* Becky asked how Cohasset, Norwell, Hanover handle Kevin’s concern about town liability. He wasn’t sure, it’s worth looking into.
* Kevin suggested bringing in Planning Board, Zoning and Building Commission to provide input before bringing to Selectman
* There are a number of different types of subdivisions. Water Superintendent reviews all of them and tells them where and how to run lines and meters. Our proposal restricts his ability to make these recommendations
* Decision: Kevin to bring this to Sean Anderson for input

Martha asked Mike K about Science Spectacular. Water Dept will be there.

Committee Re-organization

* Shirley nominates Becky for Chair, Deb seconded
* Mike offered to Vice Chair
* Vote: Unanimous

2017 Issue Planning

* Maura: Look into small scale desalination systems for golf courses
* Becky: Focus on proactive water conservation measures and golf course solution
* Martha: Proactive measures to start educating customers before the drought
* Mike C: Thinks reservoir project will be an issue, supporting the plan publicly, educating people about the benefits and helping with funding
* Becky: Re-engaging BOH to require private well owners to follow irrigation ban
* How do we better educate boat owners about water use on the docks
* To be discussed further at our next meeting

Open Discussion

* Martha - April 6 Science Spectacular, 4-7pm, encourage committee members to show up, anyone interested needs CORI check from schools.

Becky moved to adjourn, Deb seconded

Adjourn at 9:26pm