

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 20, 2021

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Norwell Water Dept.
Osborne Room, 345 Main St.

Attendance: Fred St. Ours, Steve Ivas, Peter Dillon and Superintendent Jack McInnis

Minutes Prepared by: Donna Snow

1. The meeting minutes from 5/6/20 were held over until the next meeting.
2. This is the Boards first in person meeting since Covid started.
3. The resident (Peter Barger) at 85 Grove Street came into Town Hall to discuss privacy issues. The resident's house is to the right of the pathway. A recent police incident occurred at this location. Highway added some fencing at the entrance but he would like some more fencing added to deter the people entering the trail. Some people have inadvertently entered his yard and his basketball court is ten feet from the entrance to the trails. Jack McInnis offered to add some signage to address dog concerns. Motorized vehicles also head down the trail and professional dog walkers. Steve Ivas suggested arborvitaes called Green Giant; these will grow fast. Jack McInnis estimated 195 feet from the street to corner boundary. Actually both Winter Street and Cross Street have a screen of trees that provide great coverage. The Board did note the corner of his gravel drive is on town property. The resident suggested to extend fencing on one side for starters and was interested in pressure treated barriers that Glenn has used in other parts of town. Mr. Barger has been there 26 years at this location. Mr. Barger asked who was responsible for the wooden markers on trees, Steve Ivas thinks they may be Ron Mott's. The Board agrees to inspect the location and determine how many plantings are needed. Signage for motorized vehicles and dog on leash only notice is a must.
4. EPA Risk and Resiliency Assessment – Peter Dillon said this was done in 2011. Natural hazards have to be identified and Steve Ivas noted Kings Landing as possible flooding area. Jack McInnis noted if you have a risk you have to address it in another portion of the form. Jason Federico and Jack McInnis will be working on this which is due June 30th; the plan is due on Dec. 31st 2021.
5. PFAS sampling – Jack McInnis gave handout showing PFAS level with current pumping rates. Peter Dillon asked if they sampled yesterday; Jack McInnis acknowledged that they did. A cooler was eventually sent, Peter Dillon stated a cooler of ice is necessary and Eurofins won't sample them unless they are at a

certain temperature. Jack McInnis explained the investment is considerable so we want to maximize the yield.

6. Email update –Jack McInnis’s town email; Peter Morin will not authorize the town emails to be pushed to Comcast. His prior email bridged the town emails to Comcast which is what the IT group does not want to allow as it is against security protocols.
7. CCR Distribution-Jack McInnis explained the edits for PFAS were great. Peter Dillon asked if we are required to mail it, Jack McInnis explained the requirement is for it to be accessible by one click from the website and right now it is embedded too far. Jack McInnis has an idea to take some chemicals out of the table and free up some space in order to fit all the text.
8. Donna Snow requested a picture of the Board members to be included with Jake Snow’s internship presentation.
9. Ground Penetrating Radar Locator is requested by Steve Gatanti who has done some research on this and had a field demo. It can pick up utilities at 7 feet and tell diameter and elevation to differentiate between gas main and water main. It could locate an unmarked water service, could be handy for where water main crosses at River Street. The cost estimate is 18k, seems like a lot for something that will not get used every day. Fred St. Ours agreed it is a lot of money and we have no emergency for it now. Unused money becomes water surplus it does not get turned back over to the Town. Peter Dillon asked to get more information on it and see if we can rent one, the Board wanted to know what expected use on an annual basis is.
10. Inserts for Water Smart Signs-hold off on this conversation.
11. The resident from 99 Chittenden Lane had a concern over the senior discount. One property is rented and the discount would not apply, both Fred St. Ours and Steve Ivas agreed that property is not eligible. The Board defined the criteria to include owner occupied properties and this would be an exception to what was recently defined therefore the criteria stands as is.
12. Resident power washing request; the Board agreed to allow him to wash now. Water usage for this task would be low and therefore was approved.
13. Water Supply to Laurelwood in Scituate-Paul Maribito called Jack McInnis. Jack McInnis showed a map to board members; the water main goes through an easement in a wetland. A water main is 800 short of the town line and connects to Scituate with a 6” line. The superintendent is Sean Anderson in Scituate. Scituate suggested asking to connect to new 10” water main. An issue may be if the water bill is not paid we cannot lien the property for payment but we could shut off the water service. Jack McInnis explained the costs would be: 50k for 8” and 4k for each service line times five lots. Laurelwood is a private way and not yet accepted as a private road. Fred St. Ours asked if it improved water quality for end of first parish road – Jack McInnis stated it would improve it. Total

revenue would be 70k, but Peter Dillon wants to know what is happening across the street on the other side of these lots. Jack McInnis will follow up with him and possibly bring him into a BOWC meeting.

14. The Board made the determination to stay at Tier 4 due to ground water levels, Fred St. Ours requested that the Distribution Mechanics straighten the Water Restriction sign on Main Street in front of Town Hall.
15. The Board voted to reorganize: Peter Dillon nominated Fred St. Ours as chair; all in favor. Peter Dillon nominated Steve Ivas as Vice Chair; all in favor. Fred St. Ours nominated Peter Dillon as Clerk and Steve Ivas seconded; all in favor at 5:48pm.
16. History of Board members: Peter Dillon has served for Water Department since 1999; Fred St. Ours has served for Water Department since 1975 and Steve Ivas has served for the Water Department since 1987.

Peter Dillon

7/15/21

