

Town of Norwell Water Department - Commission Meeting - 03 Jun 21

Location: 345 Main Street, Water Office

Present: F. St. Ours, Chairman, S. Ivas, Vice Chairman, and J. McInnis, Water Superintendent

Meeting Agenda Items:

1. The **minutes of 05 May 21** were approved with a motion by SI and a second by FSO, and a unanimous vote at 4:35 PM.
2. **Update - resident at 85 Grove St.:** JM has gotten a private company, Groundscapes, to provide an estimate of 6 - 8 green giant Arbor vitae for along the easterly side of the land adjacent to 85 Grove Street. They will visit the site in late June or early July. There was consensus that the water restrictions could be modified to ensure that the vegetation survives in July.
3. **Risk and Resiliency Assessment (R and RA).** The R and RA has been completed by J< with J. Federico and S. Olsen, who were helpful. JM will certify that it is completed, around 30 June. The next step is to draw up an Emergency Response Plan, which should take about six months, and is due at the end of the year.
4. **Beginning FY 22 Procurement Procedures.** Service to purchase Analytical Services, Brass, waterworks materials (hydrants, gate valves, etc.), has begun. There was a question about water chemistry - the Eastern MA Cooperative has taken care of that bid. FSO asked if there has been a change in the chlorine supply due to the supply-chain issues. JM said yes, there is an increased price, and a different vendor. The previous vendor would come with a bulk truck and supply through a hose to 55-gallon drums. Now we may be rolling drums in and out. JM also noted that meters are the same price as last year.
5. **Water Demand.** JM provided a sheet showing the water pumping figures for the month of May, that was a total of about 1.1 mgd. Discussion regarding keeping the Tier 4 restrictions on, due to there having been no change in pumping levels even after the approximately three inch rain over the Memorial Day weekend.

The PFAs situation was then discussed. JM noted that if we ration #s 1 and 6, with a 1:2 ratio and take #7 offline, the results should continue to stay under 20 ppb (ppt).

JM noted that the first PFA samples were taken (Washington St and South Street), and additional samples will be taken this month. In July, all three locations, including Grove St. Will be sampled.

JM had first call from the public re: PFAs. He mentioned to the resident that we are looking at pilot options to remove the PFAs from the water supply.

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6. **CCR.** JM advised that the CCR will be ready by the end of June.
7. **Advise - Seasonal Help.** JM reported that the HR staff, B. Childs has reached out to schools for summer assistance - and one student has been found, although the Water Department requires two students to work together. The pay is \$14.25/hr, and after 01 Jul 21 will be \$15.00/hr.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 with a unanimous vote.

Robert D. [unclear] 7/15/21