

White's Pond Study Committee

Minutes of July 25, 2011

Members present: Dick Downey, Jason Kreil, Eugene Redner, Paul Boothroyd,
Peter Reed, Herb Symes, Jim Fulton

Members absent: Ellen Duggan

Others in attendance: Jerry Flood

Agenda Item 1

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dick Downey at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 2A

Motion made to accept June 20, 2011 minutes by Herb Symes.
Motion seconded to accept June 20, 2011 minutes by Paul Boothroyd.
Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2B Review Action Items

Jim Fulton report on MWRA Rate Information.

Jim reported that Mike Sullivan had not heard back from MWRA with regard to his letter seeking information. Jim stated that Mike felt that MWRA's lack of response means that MWRA is not interested. Dick still feels that we should try again to get a response from MWRA. After some discussion as to who should try and make contact with MWRA, Jim said that he would send a letter to MWRA seeking response to our first inquiry.

Dick Downey report on Water Sales

Dick stated that since Town Counsel's opinion is that we cannot sell water to neighboring towns from White's Pond our hands are tied at this point. Jim stated that he spoke with Rep. Kate Hogan about changing the language of the original act granting Maynard White's Pond so that we could sell water. He stated that Rep. Hogan felt it would be a fairly simple process. Dick felt that by doing so we may be opening Pandora's box with legislators and neighboring towns, in a manner that we may lose all rights to the water. Peter felt that there are a lot of ramifications to this and that maybe our committee could make a recommendation to the selectmen and let them pursue this matter. Dick concurred with Peter's thoughts. Herb felt that maybe we should wait until we see Woodard & Curran's cost estimate for putting White's Pond on line before taking any further action

in this regard. It was the consensus of the members present that we should wait to see the actual cost estimate from Woodard & Curran and then map out a plan of action.

Jerry Flood report on W/C Estimate of Test Well on Summer Hill

Jerry stated that the hydro-geologist for Woodard & Curran stated that a well site on Summer Hill does not have enough substance to be of much production.

Dick Downey report on 400 Foot Well Locations

Dick reported that Angie of the assessor's office will look at this in August due to the fact that she has been extremely busy.

Peter Reed report regarding Transposing Well Locations with the Towns GIS SYSTEM

Dick stated that Angie does not have the resources to do this in house and asked Peter if his work group has the capability to help with this process. Peter will check at work.

Dick to ask Jerry for information regarding Optimum Rest Period for Wells

Dick asked Jerry what resting period do you need for optimum capacity? What would be the appropriate rest periods for the various wells? Jerry will talk to his staff in order to gather information in this regard.

Jerry to gather Data for Operation Costs for Each Well

Jerry stated that he thinks we are wasting time on this matter. Dick replied that to optimize which wells to draw from, this information is important. Jerry stated that chemical and electrical costs are all we can gather on this item. He stated that we are recalibrating all meters at the plants. He will get this data as soon as possible.

Jerry report Amount of Water Fire Academy Draws from White's Pond.

Jerry reported that the Academy does not use any water for drinking purposes. The water that it does use from White's Pond is for handling test fires. This water is recycled for reuse. There are no meters at the academy to record what they do actually use from White's Pond. Maynard does not charge the academy for this water.

Dick to get Updated Gantt Chart from Woodard & Curran

Dick stated that we still do not have an updated Gantt Chart from W&C.

Ellen to Review and Edit Index Historical Water Documents

Jason will forward this information to all members.

Agenda Item 3 – Woodard & Curran Report

As the Woodard and Curran representative was not able to be at tonight's meeting we will deal with these items at the next meeting. Dick did state that we have not been receiving any bi-weekly updates from W/C as promised.

Agenda Item 4 – Data to Develop Operational Cost by Well Site

Jerry will try to get this information out to committee members by Thursday.

Agenda Item 5 – Citizen Input

There was no new citizen input.

Agenda Item 6 – Updates to Outline Document

Dick stated that our goal is to get our final report finished in time for the fall town meeting. W/C's preliminary draft report should be ready this week. Jerry said he will send it out to committee members when he receives it. Dick reviewed our Outline Document and went over the various sections as to who would write up particular sections of the report.

Section 1 – History – Paul and Ellen
Section 2 – Projections – Jim Fulton
Section 3 – Technical – Woodard & Curran
Section 4 – Regulatory – Woodard & Curran
Section 5 – Financial – Woodard & Curran
Section 6 – Other Concerns Section 6H – Dick Downey
Section 7 – Water Bans – Peter

Agenda Item 7 – Other New Business

Jason will resend Ellen's index. Dick said lets look at this to see if we can use this information in our final report.

Next meeting with Woodard & Curran will be August 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Municipal Building.

Agenda Item 8 – Adjourn

Paul Boothroyd made motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Peter Reed. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.
