

White's Pond Study Committee

Minutes of October 24, 2011

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

Members absent: None

Audience attendees: Vic Tomyl

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dick Downey at 6:10 p.m.
2. Motion made by Herb Symes to accept the minutes of Sept. 19, 2011
Motion was seconded by Jason Kreil to accept the minutes of Sept. 19, 2011
Motion to accept the minutes of Sept. 19, 2011 passed unanimously
3. Woodard and Curran Report
Herb asked why the cost for putting White's Pond on line increased significantly in the final report from the estimate found in the preliminary report. It was pointed out that the increase in construction costs was the main factor in the increase.
There was some extended discussion as to whether the committee could ask Woodard and Curran representative Bob Chapell to attend a future meeting so that committee members could ask questions pertaining to the final report of WC.

In light of the town meeting article that would create additional residential apartments at Clock Tower Place and the effect that it may have on future water usage, some members thought that WC may be able to provide some numbers for us.

Lengthy discussion took place regarding the rezoning issue. Some members expressed concern that town officials had not taken a serious look into potential water usage as a result of the re-zoning article. Some members expressed the belief that the effect upon water usage may have little impact or possibly a large impact on usage. Their biggest concern was that it did not appear that any substantial study had taken place in this regard. Ellen suggested that we as a committee should go on record about our concern regarding this matter and that we should include something in our final report about the impact of this re-zoning on water consumption. Dick said that he will mention in his report to town meeting Wednesday evening that the WPSC will include in its final report information regarding water usage as it pertains to the re-zoning article.

- ACTION ITEM

Dick asked members to submit to him this week, any requests for additional services needed from Woodard and Curran.

4. Matrix Issues

Much discussion took place regarding the matrix from which the committee will derive its final recommendation. There were questions asked and clarifications sought as to the mechanics of properly filling out the matrix. There were some questions asked pertaining to the criteria in the matrix. After discussion there were some changes made to the criteria items list. Dick asked all members to fill out the matrix on a trial run. At our next meeting we could go over the trial scoring and work out any further issues with the matrix. In the interim, if any members sought any other changes to the matrix, they should contact Dick.

5. Citizen Input

Vic Tomyl requested that it would be nice if committee members wore name tags so that they could be properly addressed by citizens that may have questions directed to the committee.

During the course of the evening's meeting, Vic contributed his opinion on various water issues along with historical information relevant to the committee's tasks.

6. Next meeting of the WPSC will take place on November 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

7. Dick Downey made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Peter Reed seconded the motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.