

White's Pond Study Committee

Minutes of May 9, 2011

Members in attendance: Dick Downey, Ellen Duggan, Jim Fulton, Herb Symes, Jason Kreil, Eugene Redner

Members absent: Peter Reed, Paul Boothroyd

Others present: Jerry Flood

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

Motion made to accept April 25, 2011 minutes by Jim Fulton

Motion seconded by Jason Kreil

Motion to accept the April 25, 2011 minutes passed unanimously.

2-B REVIEW PAST ACTION ITEMS

Jerry Flood – Operating Costs of Wells Data

Jerry reported that he does have chemical and electrical costs for each well but that a major problem has arisen with the pumping records from each of the wells. The pumping records are off some 20%. This causes a concern with developing accurate numbers for the cost per gallon of water pumped at each well. He reported that they are in the process of recalibrating our meters and numbers.

Dick asked how do you know your numbers are not accurate?

Jerry replied that the pumping totals for the year were sky high. The number of gallons pumped versus the number of gallons sold was where we noticed a discrepancy in the data. The pumping numbers appear high compared to the amount of sold numbers. We will recalibrate raw water coming in and will then measure what is actually going out into the system. This will correct the numbers for each well plant. Recalibration will be completed in another week, approximately by May 16th. We should have our recalibration figures by May 23rd.

Woodard and Curran - To Gather MWRA Water Rate Comparisons

Woodard and Curran did gather some information in this matter but requested an additional rate for doing this task.

- ACTION ITEM

Jim Fulton to follow up with regard to a letter from the Board of Selectmen to the MWRA requesting rate, hook up information, as well as gathering information

from some participating MWRA communities regarding their water cost information.

3-A Site Tour Web Presentation

Dick asked if the information appeared to be accurate?
Jerry replied that the information appeared to be fine.

4 – Citizen Input

Dick reported no new citizen input since previous meeting.

5 – Ellen and Paul’s Findings of Reviewing Files

Ellen reported that her, Paul and Eugene have spent considerable time researching the old archives and files. To date, they have catalogued some 75 documents and have placed old deeds, into one location. They will also asterisk any items that they feel may have some importance. They possibly may develop some sort of organized indexing of documents for easier future reference. They have reorganized a lot of information that was previously scattered all over the place.

Dick encouraged Ellen to focus on our goals in this research and use the information that helps us to achieve our goals.

Eugene pointed out that the 1995 Water Study estimated the cost for a new treatment plant for White’s Pond surface water at \$ 4.4 million dollars. He also questioned why the town decided to go with the development of the Rockland Ave. well site when we had almost 200 test wells to choose from?

Jerry replied that the decision to go with Rockland Ave was based upon water volume.

Dick said with GIS today, that we should be able to locate the 200 test well sites and eliminate those wells that do not have the required 400 foot radius to be developed. We could then show on a map the remaining test wells that meet the 400 foot requirement, which could possibly be developed in the future.

Jerry thought this might be a lot of work to accomplish.

- **ACTION ITEM**

Dick is going to research with the assessors, to identify what areas of town have a 400 foot radius that could potentially support a Zone 1 aquifer.

6-A Power Point for Town Meeting

Dick requested from the members present, any input or suggestions regarding the power point presentation that he has prepared.

Ellen, Jason and Jim pointed out a couple of grammatical changes that needed correction. A few questions were raised to the terminology “get well plan”. So as to not confuse voters, it was suggested to change that term to something more easily understood by the voters.

Dick did say that he was going to seek from Woodard and Curran at our next meeting, a get well plan.

The status page of the report was amended to show 3 meetings with the engineers.

Jim wants another bullet added to the presentation that would encourage and seek more community input to the WPSC.

6-B Review Attachment #1

No action was taken at this time with regard to Attachment #1

6-D Meeting Schedule

It was decided that after the May 11th meeting to add the following meeting dates:

May 23rd, June 6th, and June 20th all of which are Mondays.

The remaining meeting dates are as follows: May 11th, May 23rd, June 6th, June 20th, July 11th, August 15th, and August 29th. All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

Other Items or Issues

Jason mentioned a contact that he had in the Sudbury Water District. His contact said they would be interested in meeting with Maynard officials regarding water issues. The contact said that to date, they have heard nothing from Maynard.

This then gave rise to discussion of a preliminary legal opinion from Town Counsel, stating that Maynard could not sell water from White's Pond.

- ACTION ITEM

Dick will talk with Town Administrator Mike Sullivan with regard to seeking further clarification from Town Counsel, regarding the legality of Maynard selling water.

Ellen made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Herb seconded the motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday May 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Municipal Building Room 201