

White's Pond Study Committee

Minutes of May 23, 2011

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

Members absent: Jim Fulton

Others in attendance: Jerry Flood

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

Motion to accept May 11, 2011 minutes made by Herb Symes

Motion seconded to accept May 11, 2011 minutes made by Peter Reed

Motion was passed unanimously.

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PAST ACTION ITEMS UPDATE

Jim Fulton – Gathering MWRA Rate Information

As Jim was absent from tonight's meeting this item will be followed up at our next meeting.

Dick Downey – Identification of Areas in Town That Could Support Zone 1 Aquifer

Dick distributed a map identifying Town owned parcels that would/could support well development. Those areas were shaded in yellow on the map. Summer Hill is the only area that could potentially have a well that doesn't currently have a well on it.

Dick asked Jerry what would it cost for a test well on Summer Hill? Jerry replied that he will ask Woodard & Curran to provide a figure for this request.

- NEW ACTION ITEM  
Jerry Flood to ask Bob Chapell to provide an estimate for a test well on Summer Hill.

Dick Downey – To Check on Legality of Selling Water

Dick reported that he talked with Mike Sullivan regarding an interpretation from Town Counsel. He is currently awaiting an answer from Town Counsel.

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Paul Boothroyd asked for some clarification regarding a previous report of possible contamination in the Tuttle Hill area of the government land.

- NEW ACTION ITEM

Dick Downey will ask Bob Chapell of Woodard & Curran to explain and clarify the report of possible contamination in the Tuttle Hill area of the government land.

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### TOWN MEETING REPORT

Dick described our report at town meeting as an “un-event”. No one seemed to care. Ellen asked what was the hang up with our wanting to have a power point presentation at town meeting? Dick explained that town officials wanted all power point presentations consolidated in order to save time at the meeting. We missed the deadline to submit our presentation.

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### GANTT CHART

Eugene asked about possibly getting an updated Gantt Chart from W/C. Dick reported that Bob Chapell gave him an updated Gantt Chart on May 12, 2011. That chart should be on the web site. Dick said he can send it again to committee members. Ellen asked about items 12 & 13 on the Gantt Chart pertaining to possibly selling water to Sudbury and Stow. Jerry replied that we are not currently looking at this matter until we hear from the attorney.

- NEW ACTION ITEM

Dick will send latest Gantt Report from W/C to all committee members.

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### DISCUSSION OF OLD MARLBORO ROAD WELLS

General discussion took place regarding the Old Marlboro Road well site.

Peter asked about the possibility of an additional well along with improvements to treatment at Old Marlboro Road to increase well water out put. Jerry replied that he will have W/C look into those possibilities. Ellen explained that these items are already addressed in W/C’s scope of work.

Eugene asked about capacity information at Old Marlborough Road.

Jerry replied that capacity at this site is affected by color problems with well #1 and that wells #2 & #3 are okay if we don’t pump too much. Jerry believes that we would need another treatment plant at this site in order to increase the water out put.

Paul asked if there were any radon problems with the water at this site? Jerry replied that the water is tested for radon and it has not been a problem.

Peter stated that W/C has said that capacity could be almost tripled at this site with better treatment and a possible new well.

- NEW ACTION ITEM  
Peter Reed to run figures on Old Marlboro wells to see if wells 1-4 could meet usage demand, if the Rockland Avenue wells 5-7 were to go off line.
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### ROCKLAND AVENUE WELL QUESTION

Paul asked if the Rockland Avenue wells affect the water level of a pond on Red Acre Road in Stow? Jerry replied that he does not believe that the pond is affected by the Rockland Ave. wells. Jerry stated that we do perform certain monitoring. He has seen no impact on wells on Red Acre Road, when well pumping tests were performed.

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### ATTACHMENT –A

Dick asked the committee members if there were any other areas or subjects that we need to investigate under Attachment A? He requested that members think about any possible additional items to study.

Peter brought up again the Old Marlboro Road well site.

Jerry responded that well #1 out put was zero because of color issues. Wells 2&3 water out put was 280 gallons per minute but could be increased to an out put of 500 gpm, if treated. Jerry stated that the ability to drill a new well at the Old Marlboro site could be affected by the close proximity to the town of Sudbury.

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### WHITE POND EVALUATION REPORT

Dick asked everyone to go over this report again.

- NEW ACTION ITEM  
Dick will send the report outline to everyone in “track change mode” so that members can makes changes and edit for the purpose of arriving at a final report.
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### GENERAL DISCUSSION

Jason stated in regard to Paul and Ellen’s report that he will finish up the list and send it out to everyone.

Paul asked that if in the end result we do not recommend bringing White’s Pond back on line, how do we appease the proponents of White’s Pond? Jerry responded that it is his belief that the final recommendation is going to come down to money concerns. Jerry stated that personally he would like to have White’s Pond brought back on line but at what cost? Ellen stated that part of W/C’s scope is to look at possible government funding assistance. Jason’s feeling is that government help is questionable at this time.

Discussion then took place regarding the possibility of wells failing and fouling in the future and whether future well investment may only be a short term fix in comparison to White's Pond possibly being a more reliable long term remedy.

Jason requested that Jerry ask W/C about providing information regarding the possibility of the long term fouling of wells.

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Paul Boothroyd made a motion to adjourn this meeting.

Jason Kreil seconded the motion to adjourn.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – Monday – June 6, 2011 – 6:00 p.m. – Town Building Room 201