

WHITE'S POND STUDY COMMITTEE MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 2012

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

Members absent: Jason Kreil

Audience present: None

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dick Downey at 6:08 p.m.
 - a. All members present reported that they have been sworn in by the Town Clerk regarding the committees reappointment by the selectmen.
 - b. Jim Fulton has resigned as a member of the committee. Jim provided many valuable contributions to this committee and will be greatly missed.

- 2A. Motion made to approve the minutes of Dec. 12, 2011 by Herb Symes.
Motion seconded by Peter Reed.
Motion passed unanimously.

- 2B. Review Action Items
 - i. Jim to refine cost table for matrix completed.
 - ii. Dick to update Matrix and send out to members for updating completed.
 - iii. All members to fill out Matrix and return to Dick by Dec. 27th completed.

3. Review Citizen Input – None

4. Other New Business - Woodard and Curran Response
Dick reported that there has been no response to date from W/C with regard to the Committee's request for explanation and clarification of some items in W/C's Final Report. Ellen expressed her belief that W/C should clear up some of the discrepancies in their report. She mentioned that Bob Chapell had stated that he would come before the committee to discuss the final report. The committee feels that our final report should include our concern with W/C's failure to respond to the committee's requests for clarifications.
The committee also recommends that our final report should include suggestions as to how the water system could be run more effectively in the future, as a result of our studies of the water system.

5. Decision Matrix

Considerable time was spent by the committee in reviewing individual members responses to both the criteria rating chart and the individual ratings matrix. Each member had an opportunity to explain the rationale of his/her ratings and in some instances members made changes to some of their initial ratings.

Members felt that Jim Fulton's rating should remain in place.

Members were asked to review their criteria ratings for the next meeting.

6. Straw Vote

No straw vote was taken as to the committee's final recommendations, due to the fact that some members were not in attendance this evening.

There was consensus among the committee that whatever the final recommendations may be, pursuit of obtaining easements for the piping of White's Pond is a first preference. The committee also feels that looking for a more direct piping route from White's Pond to Maynard could save the town considerable money. Members believe that a piping route along Winterberry Road should be seriously pursued.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Town building.

8. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Peter Reed and seconded by Ellen Duggan.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.