

WHITE'S POND STUDY COMMITTEE

3/12/12

Members present : Dick Downey, Jason Kreil, Peter Reed, Ellen Duggan and Eugene Redner (non-voting member)

Members Absent: Herb Symes and Paul Boothroyd

Guest: AnneMarie Desmarais

Audience present: None

1. Meeting called to order by Chai Downey at 6:05 p.m.
2. Motion made by Peter to accept minutes of 2/27/12 meeting and seconded by Gene. Passed unanimously.

Committee reviewed Action items from last meeting. Members submittals were sent to Dick for inclusion in draft copy of final report to be reviewed tonight. Dick did submit a placeholder article for the TM warrant to TA Sullivan. And Herb did inquire about the \$80,000 appropriated at an earlier TM for water study purposes and was told it was still unspent by J. Flood but there may be some uncertainty about its availability.

3. There were no e-mails submitted and no audience input.

4. Working Session

a. Committee then reviewed the draft of the final report and made changes upon discussion of each item, i.e., Committee Mission Statement to be included, water department list of all documents researched by committee and inventoried to be included in appendix. Gene asked for discussion of viability of Green Meadow well .Because of the high levels of iron and manganese at this site it wasn't a viable alternative and drilling another well in this same area may invite the same issues. We know we can get better water from OMR and WP.

b. Committee members agreed to write drafts of the different sections of the final report as follows:Peter-Subject/Evaluation,Dick-Glossary/Methods,Jason-Conclusions,Recommendations,Observations and Ellen-Background and Purpose and all members were asked to submit questions for the FAQ sections of the report. Dick agreed to pull in all of Jason's submittals and send out to committee members for review. It will be in markup mode.

ACTION ITEM-All those who have a section to write will try to have ready for next week's meeting.

ACTION ITEM- Chair will request a meeting with Board of Selectmen to present our Executive Summary with recommendations and dollar amount as needed for Board to consider for warrant article. \$275,000 plus 10% and legal fees to be determined with assistance of TA, Mike Sullivan. Committee voted unanimously this after motion made by Peter and seconded by Jason.

4. New Business. Committee had invited A Desmarais to join us as she was Selectman when use of WP was discontinued. Chair Downey briefed AnneMarie on

our work to date. She gave committee overview of history of WP vs. wells and some pros and cons for each source.

WP viable as source then and now but cost an issue.

Cryptosporidium must be treated for and will require a second level of filtration since watershed management alone is not feasible.

Water security is an issue but other towns draw their water from ponds so this is an issue that can be handled.

Abandoning WP for too long could lead some other town(s) appealing to the Legislature for rights to the pond. This is a consideration.

Water at WP has color in it in the Fall. But all of these issues can be dealt with using modern technologies.

Each source we are considering has issues-

OMR-lots of water but lots of color in the water which can be treated.

WP-proximity to road may endanger water from spills, road salt, animal waste, etc.

Rockland Ave. U.S. Geological Survey done indicates this as a viable source for years to come.

AnneMarie suggested increasing storage capacity from the current three day supply of water to six days by installing additional tanks. This might help in an emergency.

MWRA much too costly.

OMR problem with beavers can be petitioned to state.

Committee thanked AnneMarie for her time and insights.

Chair Downey summarized our discussion with AnneMarie as follows:

OMR is best option

GM is not a good option

WP cost might be accurate due to all new requirements for treatment of surface water.

5. Other Business Next meeting is 3/19 at 6:00 p.m. in Town Hall.

6. Adjourn

Motion made by Jason to adjourn and seconded by Gene, unanimous vote.
Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.