

Boxborough Water Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes for September 23, 2020

Approved October 28, 2020

Voting Members Present: Les Fox, Chair; Bryon Clemence, Clerk; Mark Barbadoro; Bryan Lynch; Stephen Schmitt.

Voting Members Absent: None

Non-Voting Members Present: Ryan Ferrara, John Neyland.

Others Present: None.

Public Participation: John Markiewicz

The Water Resources Committee (WRC) held its regular meeting on September 23, 2020, online in accordance with state COVID-19 policy, using the Zoom meeting application. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM.

Public Input, Emails, and Correspondence. See individual agenda items below.

Review and Approve Minutes. The Committee approved the minutes of August 12, 2020, as amended, by a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Lynch, seconded by Schmitt).

Input to Cisco Beaver Brook advisory group. The Committee reviewed the draft response to questions raised by Cindy Markowitz on behalf of the group advising the Town Administrator on the Cisco sale. Members updated the wastewater information (DEP issued the final permit, although Cisco is trucking wastewater off site for disposal), a requirement that water and wastewater permits be transferred to the new owner, and the requirement of Cisco's development approvals for water supply and wastewater treatment systems.

Monitoring wells. Fox described the plan to restart the monitoring program for wells installed under Planning Board permits, including data and a map provided by the Littleton Water Department (LWD), and a graph of data from Grant Garvin's monitoring well. Barbadoro to work with the LWD intern on this.

RCAP Solutions Private Well Program. Fox described the North Central Massachusetts Private Well Program that RCAP Solutions developed in partnership with Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, among other agencies. Had not spoken with Jim Garreffi at Nashoba; Lynch to call him.

Update on Appraisal. Fox described the two options being considered, totaling about 25 acres of land. He will provide the material to the Town Administrator in a week to 10 days. Input from Town Counsel will be needed. John Markiewicz noted that Beaver Brook Road is a private road with easements and that Cisco did not build out the campus, which may have implications.

Promotion of Water Conservation. Schmitt described how Conservation Commission jurisdiction comes from the state Wetlands Protection Act.

Meeting Schedule. The Committee scheduled its next meeting for October 28, 2020 at 7:30 PM.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used at the Meeting. (1) draft WRC meeting minutes for August 12, 2020; (2) email from Clemence to WRC with draft response to questions raised by Cindy Markowitz; (3) spreadsheet with monitoring data from 60 Codman Hill Road; (4) map of wells; (5) graph of monitoring well data; and (6) North Central Massachusetts Private Well Program flyer.

Adjourn. The Committee adjourned at 9:14 PM by unanimous roll call vote (moved by Lynch, seconded by Schmitt).

Respectfully submitted,
Bryon Clemence, Clerk