

## Boxborough Water Resources Committee

### Meeting Minutes for October 28, 2020

Approved November 25, 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 October 28, 2020, online in accordance with state COVID-19 policy, using the Zoom meeting application. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

**Public Input, Emails, and Correspondence.** Clemence reviewed the email from Administrative Assistant Cheryl Mahoney requesting updates to the Committee's webpage and the changes he provided.

**Review and Approve Minutes.** The Committee approved the minutes of September 23, 2020, as amended, by a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Schmitt, seconded by Barbadoro).

**Monitoring well update.** Barbadoro can get Planning Board Site Plan Approvals. The Committee discussed the best way to use the data, such as filling gaps in data coverage and relating to water supply data. Lynch noted that landfill monitoring preceded the monitoring required by Planning Board approvals, it is ongoing, and results are in the Board of Health files. Lynch will follow up with Jim Garreffi, Nashoba Associated Boards of Health.

**Update on Appraisal.** Fox presented two plans for developing a municipal water supply on land owned by the Harvard Sportsmen's Club (HSC), where the town installed test wells in 2006. One option would access the proposed well through HSC; the other through Cisco land that is subject to a conservation restriction. There are issues with using the Cisco CR land for this purpose and Cisco not building out its campus plan as approved by the Planning Board. Fox reviewed a list of questions for Town Counsel to review. Much of the Committee's discussion concerned the status of Beaver Brook Road and its connection to Littleton County Road in Harvard. The Committee then authorized the Town Administrator to submit the plans and questions to Counsel and to an appraiser by a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Fox and seconded by Lynch).

**Update on PFAS.** Clemence and Fox summarized recent presentations on PFAS: one by the Acton League of Women Voters and Green Acton and one by the 495/MetroWest Coalition. Both included speakers from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Boxborough is required to test its Hager well for PFAS in October of 2021. DEP has a program for free PFAS testing, which covers laboratory costs. Fox to check if local funding is available.

**Meeting Schedule.** The Committee scheduled its next meeting for November 25, 2020 at 7:30 PM.

**List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used at the Meeting.** (1) draft WRC meeting minutes for September 23, 2020; (2) plans of two options for appraisal; (3) list of questions for Town Counsel.

**Adjourn.** The Committee adjourned at 9:25 PM by a roll call vote of 5-0 (moved by Fox, seconded by Lynch).

Respectfully submitted,  
Bryon Clemence, Clerk