



TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH Meeting Minutes

Boxborough Water Resources Committee **DRAFT Meeting Minutes for November 23, 2021**

Approved January 11, 2022

Voting members present: Les Fox, Chair; Bryon Clemence, Clerk; Bryan Lynch; Stephen Schmitt.

Voting members absent: Mark Barbadoro.

Non-voting members present: Keshava Srivastava, Finance Committee; John Neyland, Economic Development Committee.

Others present: Cindy Markowitz, Planning Board.

Public participation: None.

The Water Resources Committee (WRC) held its regular meeting on November 23, 2021, online in accordance with COVID-19 policies, using the Zoom meeting application. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

Public Input, Emails, and Correspondence. None

1. Approval of meeting minutes. The Committee approved the minutes of October 26, 2021 by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 (moved by Fox, seconded by Schmitt).

2. ARPA grant project and Community Preservation Act (CPA) update. Fox summarized the updated ARPA proposal and comments from the Town Administrator and Town Auditor. He also summarized the WRC's CPA proposal and noted the Community Preservation Committee hearing scheduled for 12/2/2021. The Committee voted to endorse the CPA proposal by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 (moved by Fox, seconded by Lynch).

3. Update from 11/22 Planning Board meeting. Members Fox and Clemence attended the Planning Board meeting of 11/22/2021, where Fox summarized the WRC's work in general and its ARPA and CPA proposals in particular. Discussion included costs and alternatives, securing a source of water, making it available, accountability for salt problems, aquifer protection, competing needs, understanding where water comes from, what stakeholders are doing, and special permit requirements pertaining to water. Support was mixed for an interconnection with Littleton.

4. PFAS tracking update. Clemence provided an update. He noted one result of zero from DEP's private well testing program that appeared to be incorrect. Lynch to follow up. Fox noted that results from some of the PWSs were not complete.

5. Update on new source efforts. (a) Advice on appraisal process: Fox noted the appraiser's recommendation to hold off and use an appraiser that both parties agreed on; (b) Raftelis proposal on betterments: Clemence summarized Raftelis's proposal for a model of project financing through betterments and user fees (dated 11/18/2021, cost \$15,000), and Fox noted this could be part of the ARPA project; (c) DOT and scope of work for re-testing HSC well: Fox summarized scope, license agreement for access, and IMA; DOT is no longer working on a "salt balance"; Lynch noted need to list DOT in the license agreement, Littleton Water Department (LWD) permits, and possibility of data from Cisco irrigation wells on the Campanelli property; Markowitz commented on water rights, liability, and competing grant applications. Clemence to forward the DOT scope to LWD for review.

6. Briefing memo on WRC activities and plans. Clemence summarized the memo which is intended to brief town boards and other interested parties. Discussion followed about adding a list of documents and digitizing them.

7. Potential articles for town meeting – discussion. Fox summarized: (a) Land acquisition: CPA and other funding; Clemence noted MVP Action Grants; (b) Consultant: Wright-Pierce, consultant for one of the condos, is interested; (c) Water Commissioners: town can approve to facilitate water management.

8. Meeting venue discussion. The Committee decided to continue meeting via Zoom.

9. Future meeting schedule. The Committee scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, January 11, 2022,

10. Adjourn. The Committee adjourned at 9:31 PM by a roll call vote of 4-0 (moved by Fox, seconded by Lynch).

List of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting. Draft meeting minutes for October 26, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryon Clemence, Clerk