

Groton Water Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Of the  
Board of Water Commissioners  
Tuesday, October 27th, 2020  
Virtual Meeting using Zoom

**Minutes**

Present are Chairman Jack McCaffrey, Vice Chairman Greg Fishbone, Member James Gmeiner, Superintendent Thomas Orcutt, Business Manager Lauren Crory, Office Assistant Ann Livezey and Michael Ohl of CEI.

Mr. McCaffrey called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Manganese – Concept Plan, Finances, Consent Order, Milestones -#2

Mr. McCaffrey asked Mr. Orcutt what the plan is for the upcoming meeting with the Select Board regarding manganese treatment. Mr. Orcutt spoke to some of the Select Board members to feel out their concerns such as timing of borrowing and having adequate staffing when we add the new treatment plant. Mr. McCaffrey created an outline of topics that he thinks should be addressed at the meeting. Mr. Orcutt is preparing some slides to send to Mr. Haddad for the meeting.

Whitney Well – Expansion and Capacity Update

Mr. Ohl said he refined the property plan which now shows two parcels owned by the town. He reviewed the revised plan and testing locations. They hope to start testing by the end of this year. They will be testing 2 points at 3 locations. Mr. Ohl's company will be doing the surveying over the next few weeks. Mr. Orcutt will look into a house on Lowell Rd that is near the well site that could potentially have land that could be bought, to provide more distance from the current well. It could be a fourth testing site or could be one of the three.

Longley Road Project Update

Mr. Orcutt said this project is currently in the Planning Board's hands.

Superintendent's Report: Water Levels and Pumping, Summer Water Conservation Program & Current Restrictions and Conditions, Fall Flushing Program

Mr. Orcutt said they have reduced pumping by about 25 gallons/min in anticipation of upcoming flushing which started today and will continue into next week.

Manganese Open Forum: continuation of discussion

Mr. McCaffrey noted that there have been elevated sample results in the system and Mr. Orcutt thinks the fall flushing will help.

Mr. McCaffrey asked if the Whitney Well expansion should be discussed at the meeting with the Select Board and Mr. Orcutt thinks it could be touched upon since we did ask for an Enterprise Fund Transfer this fall to start this project. Mr. McCaffrey agreed that we can explain why this is the time to be doing the expansion.

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

Mrs. Crory reviewed first quarter financials which good. Income is on track to meet budget and expenses are in line with the first quarter. No issues at this point.

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to approve the minutes of October 13th, 2020 as amended, Mr. Fishbone seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McCaffrey made a motion to adjourn at 8:12pm, Mr. Gmeiner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Crory