

Groton Water Commission

Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners

Tuesday, September 18, 2013

2nd Floor Lunch Room – Town Hall

Minutes

Present are BOWC Chairman James Gmeiner, Vice Chair Gary Hoglund, Water Superintendent Thomas Orcutt and Business Manager April Iannacone. Mr. Crocker was not present for this meeting.

Mr. Gmeiner called the regular BOWC meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Superintendents Report

Mr. Orcutt led a brief discussion of the topics on his Superintendents Report to update them on the status of the office and well operations and answered any questions they had.

Baddacook Pond Weed Treatment

Mr. Orcutt informed the Commissioners that Mr. Bill Strickland and Mr. Jim Leuning requested to come before the Commissioners to discuss options for weed treatment at Baddacook Pond. Mr. Leuning informed the Commissioners that the weed harvester operations were not working well as there were a lot of floating weeds and spots that the harvester cannot handle. Mr. Hoglund asked if the weed issue on Baddacook Pond was the absolute worst it had been in the last 37 years. Mr. Strickland replied that the invasive species of weeds is the worst it has ever been. Mr. Leuning stated that the problem is that they are fighting off weeds brought in by boats more than mother nature and local pond growth. At this time the Great Ponds Committee was looking at the option of Sonar treatment as had been done on Lost Lake. The Commissioners stated that they were sympathetic to the problem as residents, but their concern was over the public water supply drawn from the pond and that there was no upside for the water customers as far as they could see. The problem that they could see is that there is not enough long term data on the affects of the Sonar treatment or the chemical applied after the Sonar treatment, and once the chemicals or their bi-products end up in the well supply there is no way to know how or if it can be removed. The Commissioners requested more information from Mr. Strickland and Mr. Leuning regarding the use of the Sonar on different drinking water supply ponds in Massachusetts with similar low flow/turnover rates for data going back at least 10-15 years on how many spot treatments and after affects there may be down the road. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Strickland and Mr. Leuning for their time and information.

Redevelopment of #128 Main Street

Mr. Orcutt informed the Commissioners that Mr. Rob Ancil was present from Perkins and Ancil to go over the proposed redevelopment plan for 128 Main St. that was going before the fall Town Meeting for concept approval. Mr. Ancil reviewed the plan and clarified for the Board some of the proposed buildings and uses, in order for the Commissioners to determine fees associated with the additional water service connections.

Bills:

The bills presented to the Board were all signed and submitted for payment.

Mr. Hoglund made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

April Iannacone
Business Manager
Water and Sewer Departments

James Gmeiner _____ Date _____

Gary Hoglund _____ Date _____

David Crocker _____ Date _____