

Groton Water Commission

Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners

Tuesday, October 9th, 2012

2nd Floor Lunch Room – Town Hall

Minutes

Present are BOWC Chair James Gmeiner, Vice-Chair Jessica Cajigas, Member Gary Hoglund, Water Superintendent, Thomas Orcutt.

Mr. Gmeiner called the regular BOWC meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.

Water Superintendents Report (verbal)

M. Orcutt gave a verbal Superintendent's Report as his time has been consumed in the field assisting with the Water System Flushing Program. The System Flushing is going very well with dirty water in the normal locations and taking a little longer cleaning up. The program has been slightly modified so as to not waste water and staff time in specific areas where there is no dirty water (past history has identified specific streets where flushing will only need to be done in the spring and not 2Xper year). Mr. Orcutt handed out the financials on behalf of the Business Manager and reports healthy water receipts. Higher than normal construction income will be realized in the October receipts. Expenses for the first quarter are stable. The Whitney #2 Well repairs will be approximately \$10,000.00 broken into 2 phases. The Emergency Work which involved the removal of the pump and casing and the replacement of the casing. The maintenance or cleaning of the well (3 quotes required) is the second phase. The cleaning can only take place when the temperature cools and demand on the system drops.

Town Meeting Articles – Lost Lake Sewers

The Board members discussed the Proposed Lost Lake Sewer Articles and voted 2-1 in favor of the municipal sewers. A concern of all three members was the Interbasin Transfer (IBT) of 125K gallons of water from the Merrimack Basin and what impact this project may have on future permitted water withdrawals for Groton. Having unknown new permit requirements for additional water withdrawals, make approving IBT's difficult for the Board including the 275K gallons to Pepperell. Another concern of a Board member(s) was the lack of data for the nutrients (specifically nitrogen) in the aquifer and how that may or when that may impact the Whitney Wells.

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There were no minutes approved at this meeting

Hoglund made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Cajigas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Gary Hoglund, Jim Gmeiner (briefly) and Mr. Orcutt joined the discussion of the Conservation Commission regarding Sonar Treatments on Lost Lake.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas D. Orcutt
Water Superintendent

James Gmeiner _____ Date _____

Gary Hoglund _____ Date _____

Jessica Cajigas _____ Date _____