



TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH Meeting Minutes

Boxborough Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2021 Approved February 24, 2021

Voting Members Present: Les Fox, Chair; Bryon Clemence, Clerk; Bryan Lynch; Stephen Schmitt.

Voting Members Absent: None

Non-Voting Members Present: John Neyland, Simon Corson.

Others Present: None.

Public Participation: Janet Connelly

The Water Resources Committee (WRC) held its regular meeting on January 27, 2021, online in accordance with state COVID-19 policy, using the Zoom meeting application. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM (Neyland arrived joined the meeting at 7:36 PM).

Public Input, Emails, and Correspondence. None.

Review and Approve Minutes. The Committee approved the minutes of December 30, 2020 by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 (moved by Schmitt, seconded by Lynch).

Vibratologics Update. Lynch reported on the Board of Health review of the petition for demolition (it's underway) and possible regulations. Fox asked about the special permit application, which is expected soon, and noted how the facility's waste differed from conventional waste. The Board of Health will probably require "tight tanks" and off-site disposal for biological/industrial waste instead of an on-site septic system. Connelly noted that Cambridge allows biosafety level 3 facilities and asked about the Aquifer Protection District. Lynch said they had not seen plans and couldn't comment on the District yet.

Frequency of Sodium Testing for Hager Well. Clemence outlined a proposal to test more frequently for sodium in the town's public water system. The purpose would be obtaining more accurate data, including possible seasonal variations. Fox noted alternatives to using sodium chloride for road salt. Lynch asked if the Town Hall well should be included. Fox to check the budget and Clemence to draft a possible warrant article for funding.

Monitoring Well Update. Discussion of Planning Board wells was postponed until Barbadoro could be present. Neyland asked if there were other data sources, such as the Littleton Water Department. Fox said he heard from MassDOT in December, but has not talked to DEP. He noted a need for public education, testing of other wells, and sharing data.

Update on Acquiring a Water Source. Fox reported on unresolved issues and the path forward. He spoke with the appraiser. Clemence and Lynch suggested talking to Littleton Water Department before proceeding further. Clemence to send members a summary of information from town counsel.

Other Business. None.

Meeting Schedule. The Committee scheduled its next meeting for February 24, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used at the Meeting. None.

Adjourn. The Committee adjourned at 8:39 PM on a roll call vote of 4-0 (moved by Lynch, seconded by Schmitt).

Respectfully submitted,
Bryon Clemence, Clerk