



## TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH Meeting Minutes

### **Boxborough Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes for March 23, 2021** Approved April 20, 2021

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

**Voting Members Absent:** None`

**Non-Voting Members Present:** John Neyland; Ryan Ferrara, Town Administrator; Paul Fillebrown, Fire Chief.

**Others Present:** None.

**Public Participation:** Representing the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP): May Jude Pigsley, Regional Director, Marielle Stone, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Water Resources, Mark Baldi, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup; Jim Starbard, RCAP Solutions; Cindy Markowitz, Janet Connelly; Ron Vogel, UCC; Jeffrey Glidden.

The Water Resources Committee (WRC) held its regular meeting on March 23, 2021, online in accordance with state COVID-19 policy, using the Zoom meeting application. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

**Public Input, Emails, and Correspondence.** Discussed under specific items below.

**Review and Approve Minutes.** The Committee approved the minutes of February 24, 2021 by a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Barbadoro, seconded by Lynch).

**DEP Private Well Testing Program.** Pigsley summarized DEP's PFAS program, including the 20 ppt standard for drinking water, testing of public and private wells, availability of test results, and some of the conclusions. The results are publicly available, but are not reported in the EEA Data Portal. Baldi described the requirements of DEP's hazardous waste program, noting that 90 ppt is the imminent hazard level that triggers DEP involvement, and 20 ppt becomes the cleanup standard. DEP is on the Select Board agenda for 3/29/2021.

**Vibralogics Update on Planning Board Site Plan Review.** Lynch summarized the 3/22/2021 Planning Board hearing. Wastewater disposal continued to be a key issue, including conflicting information from the applicant. Follow-up questions from the Town are due by 3/29/2021, and will be addressed at a hearing scheduled for 4/5/2021. Markowitz said the Planning Board would compile the questions and would like WRC input. Lynch reported that the Board of Health has completed draft regulations. Markowitz asked about well capacity and water use; the WRC to look into it. Fox noted a list of "bioready" towns certified for development by the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council. Following these discussions, The Committee proposed four questions and comments for Planning Board input. The Committee approved these by a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Barbadoro, seconded by Schmitt).

**Monitoring Well Update.** No further updates were available.

**Update on Acquiring a Water Source.** Fox summarized an updated strategy, involving other wells tested by CDM in 2006, and questions being submitted to counsel. Markowitz asked about the WRC timetable for the Cisco property; Clemence noted issues with Zone I and the conservation restrictions, as well as WRC discussing these with the owner or prospective buyers. Fox noted that housing was being considered, and Lynch noted a planning study for a large residential development near the train station in Littleton.

**Other Business.** The Committee resumed its discussion of PFAS near the end of the meeting after DEP had left.

Clemence noted that installation of the Tufts' monitoring well was rescheduled to 3/25/2021 and that WRC members could come to see it

**Meeting Schedule.** The Committee scheduled its next meeting for April 20, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

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

**Adjourn.** The Committee adjourned at 10:30 PM on a roll call vote of 5-0 (moved by Lynch, seconded by Barbadoro).

Respectfully submitted,  
Bryon Clemence, Clerk