



## TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH Meeting Minutes

### **Boxborough Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes for September 29, 2021**

Approved October 26, 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.

**Others present:** None

**Public participation:** None

The Water Resources Committee (WRC) held its regular meeting on September 29, 2021, online in accordance with COVID-19 policies, using the Zoom meeting application. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

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

**1. Approval of meeting minutes.** The Committee approved: (1) the minutes of July 28, 2021 by a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Fox, seconded by Lynch) and (2) the minutes of September 15, 2021 by a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Fox, seconded by Lynch).

**2. Update on meeting with Littleton Water Department (LWD).** Fox summarized the LWD meeting held on September 15, 2021: the WRC's ARPA proposal to design water mains (discussed below), assessing betterment fees, and beginning work on an intermunicipal agreement (IMA).

**3. Review and approve Master Plan Progress Report.** Clemence summarized the WRC's progress report for Boxborough2030, the town's current master plan. The Committee discussed ways the plan can be updated and progress tracked. It approved the report and its submittal to the Town Planner by a vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Fox, seconded by Schmitt).

**4. Board of Health Biosafety Committee update.** Lynch reported on the Vibralogics/Aranta development, including a September meeting and the status of their product, biosafety committee, and one-year license. DEP was made aware of the need for a modified permit for hazardous waste.

**5. RCAP Solutions private well testing update.** Fox summarized the project, coordination with the town's health agent, and a presentation of the results by RCAP, scheduled for October 13, 2022, at 8:15 PM.

**6. PFAS tracking update.** No formal update was available. The Committee discussed the difficulty of getting lab results, DEP's private well testing, and upcoming requirements.

**7. MVP Action Grant investigation update.** Clemence reported that the Town Planner is seeking additional information from the state program about eligibility. Lynch noted that the Fire Department needs more water for firefighting, and Fox reported that the Fire Chief had submitted a proposal under ARPA (discussed below).

**8. ARPA grant proposal.** Fox reported that Boxborough's ARPA proposals total \$5 million vs. \$1.7 million that's available. The town will present the proposals at the Select Board meeting on October 18, 2021. WRC proposed a \$500,000 project to design water mains in Boxborough. This would involve hiring a consultant to design the pipelines and determine betterment assessments for the properties to be served. The Assistant Town Administrator had asked if the project could be scaled back. Barbadoro commented on the cost and the benefits of connecting to the new system. Lynch cited fire protection as

one benefit of the project. The Committee approved the proposal by a roll call vote of 4 to 0, with one abstention (moved by Fox, seconded by Clemence). Discussion continued, with topics covering acquisition of a water source, coordination with HSC, a Campanelli stakeholder meeting scheduled for September 30, 2021, alternatives to the proposed water source, funding, and preparation for the next town meeting.

**9. Meeting venue discussion.** The Committee discussed masking requirements and different meeting platforms and decided to continue meeting via Zoom.

**10. Future meeting schedule.** The Committee scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 7:30 PM, via Zoom.

**11. Adjourn.** The Committee adjourned at 9:56 PM by a roll call vote of 5-0 (moved by Fox, seconded by Barbadoro).

**List of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting.** Draft meeting minutes for July 28, 2021 and September 15, 2021; draft "Master Plan Progress Report," dated 2021-09-16; "ARPA Project Proposal - WRC," Draft 2 dated August 24, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryon Clemence, Clerk