



TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH Meeting Minutes

Boxborough Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2021 Approved November 23, 2021

Voting members present: Les Fox, Chair; Bryon Clemence, Clerk; Mark Barbadoro; Bryan Lynch; Stephen Schmitt.

Voting members absent: None.

Non-voting members present: Simon Corson, 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. None

1. Approval of meeting minutes. The Committee approved the minutes of September 29, 2021 by a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Barbadoro, seconded by Lynch).

2. ARPA grant project update. Fox provided an update of the ARPA proposals. Barbadoro summarized the Planning Board's aquifer protection and school proposals and provided a lower cost estimate for the WRC proposal. Lynch noted that the WRC's proposal was for two water mains, and Clemence provided the breakdown for design, permitting, legal, and town engineer costs.

3. Update on Campanelli/Beaver Brook campus. Fox summarized the stakeholder's meeting held on September 30, 2021. Campanelli may be changing their plans with respect to the office park zoning and existing buildings. The consultant for Harvard Ridge expressed an interest in the Campanelli well. Corson noted the zoning requirements for nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

4. MVP Action Grant opportunity. Corson summarized the town's MVP planning and eligibility for MVP Action Grants. He cited one town that applied for MVP funds for land acquisition. There will be a Spring 2022 application deadline, and they require a 25% local match. Clemence noted the need for a Town Meeting article, and the Committee voted to allocate \$7,500 to appraise its two preferred parcels, subject to procurement protocols (moved by Barbadoro, seconded by Schmitt, and approved by roll call vote of 5 to 0). Neyland and Fox discussed Community Preservation Act funding, and Corson noted that the application deadline was October 28. Neyland to provide a summary of CPA fund amounts.

5. BOH Biosafety Committee update. Lynch reported that Vibralogics/Aranta had applied for biosafety materials and management approvals, and a site meeting was scheduled for November 4. Corson reported that the Planning Board had approved the Site Plan Application.

6. PFAS tracking update. Clemence provided an update, including a few results from DEP's private well testing and recent information from public water systems at Applewood, Enclave, and Paddock Estates. Our understanding of PFAS in town is remains incomplete, however.

7. RCAP private well testing update. Lynch summarized RCAP's presentation to the Board of Health. Of some 40 wells tested, nine had issues, including iron, manganese, and bacteria. Clemence asked if slides were available from the presentation.

8. Articles for town meeting – discussion. Fox summarized possible Town Meeting articles. Clemence and Lynch noted a need for engineering services, and Barbadoro asked about the ARPA pipeline costs

and use of the Campanelli well. Lynch also wondered if town counsel had prepared a write-up on the Select Board acting as water commissioners. Several members noted that the library was closed due to a water problem.

9. Meeting venue discussion. The Committee decided to continue meeting via Zoom.

10. Future meeting schedule. The Committee scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, November 23, 2021, thereby avoiding conflicts with the Finance Committee so that their designee, Keshava Srivastava, could attend.

11. Adjourn. The Committee adjourned at 9:38 PM by a roll call vote of 5-0 (moved by Barbadoro, seconded by Lynch).

List of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting. Draft meeting minutes for September 29, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryon Clemence, Clerk