

Dover Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes - August 11, 2020

Held remotely via zoom

Present: Gerald Clarke, Chairman; Ron Myrick, Justine Kent-Uritam, Greg Kahoun

Absent: Carol Lisbon

Guests: Daryl Beardsley, Jeff Waldron, Bob Zockoff

1. Meeting called to order 9:35 am
2. On a motion by Justine and seconded by Ron, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of July 29, 2020.
3. The meeting schedule was fixed for the second Wednesday of the month at 8:00 am.
4. Gerald reported on behalf of the Well Agent that three geothermal closed loop wells are to be installed at 46 Springdale Ave.
5. An inquiry was made as to whether there is any incentive program in Dover for low water use toilets. There is none.
6. Bob Zockoff reported that homes tied to the Natick water system have electronic metering. It is difficult for property owners without meters to have an understanding of how much water they are using.
7. There was a review of proposed cost estimates for additional work that may be done by Kleinfelder. It was determined that further clarification of specifics is needed.
8. Ron mentioned that the software is part of the transducers package and is not difficult to download.
9. Justine pointed out that the value of the hydrology study was found in having a professional assessment of Dover's water resources and that the Committee would likely not need much more from Kleinfelder.
10. Gerald noted that the Board of Selectmen is in renewal negotiations with Colonial Water. Justine will reach out to each member of the BOS to inquire how it is planning to resolve issues of irrigation, overpumping, and conservation with Colonial Water.
11. Gerald announced that a water conservation banner and signs were being put up at strategic spots throughout town.
12. The possibility of developing and improving water infrastructure through funding by the EPA Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program (WIFIA) was discussed.

13. Bob stated that Natick charges its customers a water usage fee by meter and a fixed fee for operations and maintenance.
14. Gerald noted that residential and commercial customers of the Dover Water Dept are dependent on Dover's maintenance of the supply infrastructure of their drinking water. Such costs should not be borne by the Town or residents not so provided. Perhaps there should be billing for this. Are such customers also billed by Colonial for maintenance that in fact Colonial does not provide to them?
15. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Karen R. Hayett