

HARVARD WATER SYSTEMS STUDY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

Hapgood Meeting Room

Present

Committee Members: Duane Barber; Jack Guswa; Kyle Hedrick

Others: Paige O'Brien

This meeting was called to order by Mr. Hedrick at 8:48 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hedrick made a motion to accept minutes of 5/20/2015 as presented. Mr. Guswa seconds; vote, aye, unanimous.

Mr. Guswa made a motion to accept minutes of 5/27/2015 as presented. Mr. Barber seconds; vote, aye, unanimous.

Discussion – Exploring the Opportunity to Connect to Devens Water Supply

Mr. Hedrick led a discussion about the opportunity to connect to the water supply on Devens land. More information about the potential arrangement is needed before considering it realistically. Mr. Hedrick will continue to research this.

Discussion – Using Well #3

Currently well #3 is not in use due to its high content of iron and manganese. Using well # 3 as a primary source is out of question, according to DPW Superintendent Rich Nota. It needs to be re-permitted and would not pass due to zoning and other new regulations. It is possible that it may be used as back-up to well #2 and well #5. Mr. Nota has a very prolific collection of data for the public water supply and Mr. Barber suggests reviewing these contents so there is no “re-inventing of the wheel”. Mr. Barber will do an inventory of the records.

Discussion – Options for Supplementing Existing System

The Committee positioned this question and discussion point to themselves:

“What are the means to supplement the current wells and existing system in such a way that guarantees 20,000 gallons per day?”

- Mr. Guswa is exploring using the 4 wells of Camp Green Eyrie as an emergency supply;
- Consider the Growth Neutrality Clause throughout this process;
- A proper description of what is required by law makes future planning easier;
- Mr. Barber: “It is necessary to lay the foundation for someone in the future; so people aren't continuously re-visiting these ideas/discussions.”

Mr. Hedrick motions to adjourn at 9:36 a.m. Mr. Barber seconds; vote, aye, unanimous.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 8:45 in the Hapgood Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted by Paige O'Brien