

14 APRIL 2009 HARVARD WATER COMMISSION MEETING NOTES

Duane Barber and Rick Dickson met with DPW director Richard Nota at 0735 at the town highway barn. Commissioner Curtis Howes was absent. Agenda items included: Bolton Road well#3 test, Pond Road hydrant replacement, SCADA from Harbor Controls, July 4 fireworks location and perchlorates, Oak Hill Road construction project, Harvard town meeting warrants and Water Commission representation, 15 Pond Road complaint, and Dave Swain Wellhead Protection Area sign project.

After discussion the commissioners agreed to declare Bolton Road Well#3 to be declared an emergency well status and leave the option open for future testing. Mr Nota and Mr Bragan, the Town Administrator were requested to complete the required paperwork to declare this an emergency well. Additional discussion focused on the needs to have alternate wells and the 10,000 dollar warrant on the upcoming 2 May town ballot for well source exploration. Mr Dickson has contacted WPI for a possible senior student research project to aid the Commission in this endeavor. Mr Barber has contacted Ted Morine of Eldridge Road, a hydrologist and nine year former Harvard Water Commissioner, who has agreed to come to a future meeting and explain what has been done in the past and provide his suggestions.

The busted Pond Road hydrant was replaced on 13 April 2009.

Harbor Controls continues to work on our SCADA system and the next step will be to monitor water levels within the wells as well as the amount of water being pumped from the wells to the tank.

A 8 April meeting on fireworks was attending by Mr Dickson, along with the fire chief, and Steve Miller, head of the Fourth of July Committee, and the town administrator regarding fireworks and perchlorates. All agreed the need to move the fireworks activities from our wellhead area to an alternate location. Sites discussed were Fruitlands and Saint Benedicts areas.

Because of DPW brush pickup requirements from the December 2008 ice storm, the Oak Hill Road construction project will begin to June rather than the May timeframe.

There are two Water Commission related warrants on the upcoming town meeting and Commissioners Barber and Dickson will be out of town. Commissioner Howes will be contacted by Mr Barber to see if he is available to attend town meeting and he and Mr Nota could address the warrants.

Mr Barber is investigating the 15 Pond Road complaint and will provide a response to Selectman Ricci for his consideration. A response was provided on 14April and copy provided to Mr Dickson.

The Dave Swain Wellhead Protection Area sign was completed by Ken Harrod and installed by Mr Harrod and Mr Barber on 13April. Mr Barber will contact Dave Swain of Shirley, MA and inform him the sign has been installed.

ADDENDUM:

As a followup to the 17March Water Commission notes Commissioner Barber was to contact Jim Lee of Park and Rec to obtain estimated Bolton Road pond water use for ice skating, Bill Johnston of the Pond Committee on their recent grant, and former commissioner Ted Morine on potential well sites. All were contacted and Mr Morine is available to come to a meeting upon invitation, Mr Lee will provide me an estimate of water use and I will forward to Mr Dickson, Mr Johnston and the Pond Committee have a comprehensive eight point program of runoff and sediment controls for the pond and all afford better protection for our wells. Mr Johnston is very well versed on this three year project and the Water Commission should liaison with him on a regular basis.