

JULY 20, 2009 HARVARD WATER COMMISSION MEETING NOTES

Curtis Howes, Josh Gould, Rick Dickson and Rich Nota met at 1704 at the town highway barn. Agenda items included Pond Rd Complaint, Dave Swain Wellhead Sign Dedication, 2006 Source Protection Plan, May water meter reading follow-up as well as two guests – Ron Ricci and Rick High for presentations..

Old Business:

- June 15th minutes reviewed; Curtis motion to accept, Josh seconded; Minutes approved.
- The Pond Rd. complaint is still being pursued via the Board of Health and town counsel. No specific results were available.
- Rick provided a local news article regarding the David Swain Wellhead Protection Area dedication held on June 26, 2009.
- Rich Nota announced that new guidelines for emergency planning have been received. See Mass.gov DEP link as follows:
<http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/drinking/emrgrspn.pdf> (copy attached) [See attached existing Harvard Water Department Emergency Response Plan]
- Water meters have been replaced at 3 Littleton Rd. and 20 Bolton Rd.; 14 Still River Rd. remains to be completed.
- Rick provided a copy of a draft 'issue' document for review (copy attached). All to review and comment for next meeting discussion.

New Business:

- Ron Ricci provided a review of the town's intention to place an offer on the Getty land that abuts the Bolton Rd well an asked the commissioners to provide feedback on what use the property could be to the town water supply.
- Rick High, representing the Unitarian Universalist fellowship building project provided an overview of the fellowship building schedule and introduced William DiBurro, project manager for CM GC Building Corp. Discussion focused on Elm St. water supply tie in and potential occupancy in February 2010. Water hookup to be scheduled in late September 2009. Ron Ricci agreed to contact town council to review bylaw concerning the tie-in for new users. Rick D. asked where the future sewer piping layout would run since none was shown on the plans. There is a concern for separation between water and sewer lines and all agreed they should be identified on the plans. Dan Wolfe, Ross Associates, to contact Rich Nota with updated drawings for review of water system tie in and other requirements. Rick D. to contact town finance director to determine any betterment impact.
- Rich reported completion and distribution of the 2008 Consumer Confidence Report.
- Rich identified the work on Fairbank Street would occur next week as the Bolton Road project would be sent out to bid. He also identified to flushing of the system would also occur next week.

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- Rich reported that the leak test was completed on the system is that no leaks were found. He also reported that a live tapping sleeve had been installed on the Mass Ave. and Park Road interface that will allow future piping connection.
- Rich indicated that the monthly water tests were complete and that we have a higher levels of total dissolved solids(TDS) on Well #2. TDS is a secondary level contaminant and may impact customer taste. Much discussion resulted on the cause and impact of this parameter.
- Rich identified at new groundwater rules become effective September 1, 2009 which may impact injection ports for chlorination of the system.
<http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/drinking/gwroverview.pdf>

Curtis motion to adjourn, Josh seconded, Meeting closed at 18:56.

Next Meeting scheduled for August 17th at 5pm – Town Highway Barn

Post Meeting Notes.

Ron Ricci provided feedback that there is no town meeting required to allow the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship tie-in to the water main as it is within the existing water district and abuts a line on Elm St.

Lorraine Leonard informed Rick D. that no betterment fees are due to the town for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship water tie-in.

ACTIONS:

Set up meeting with Ted Morine – Gould

Update town Website with 1989 Water Summary/ Other Documents – Dickson

Review Elected Boards for Liaison Assignment Re:2006 Source Protection Plan All

Review issue paper that identifies vulnerability of town wells – All

Evaluate impact of town's purchase of Getty Land for Water Department - All

Review Emergency Response Plan and new guidelines.- All

Review new Ground Water Rule and expectations – All