

**WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL
Meeting Minutes ~ August 14, 2006**

Members in attendance: Dave Irwin, Chair; Tom Burns; Mike Blanchard; Malcolm Brown; Bob Hunter; Rick Mattila; Joan Meschino; Ed Petrilak.

Meeting called to order by Chair at 7:10 p.m.

Public Input: None.

Chairman's Topics:

The WRC discussed having a secretary take minutes at meetings to allow all members to participate fully in the discussion. The committee will continue to look further. A HMLP employee was suggested. J. Meschino reminded WRC that a potential conflict may exist with hiring a town employee and to be sure to get input from Town Counsel.

MOTION by E. Petrilak, **SECOND** by M. Brown, to have Wright-Pierce ask Janice Ford to be our recording secretary. **APPROVED**, unanimously.

The WRC discussed Professor Manwell's request for information and study data. D. Irwin will email Professor Manwell asking for a list of questions and a description of the data that he wants to use for committee review at the next meeting.

The WRC discussed the proposed contract extension by Wright-Pierce. The general consensus is to agree if it is just a timing issue but not to agree if additional funding is required.

The WRC discussed gaps in the June 2006 draft report and revised pages dated July 2006. Water cost estimates are still be worked on. Data has been compiled but W-P is trying to determine how best to present the information. The WRC members discussed what feedback and guidance from the committee is necessary to enable Wright-Pierce to finalize the report as envisioned by the committee. The general consensus is to go back to the original scope of work as the focus and to authorize R. Mattila to work with Wright-Pierce to conclude the report.

MOTION by E. Petrilak, **SECOND** by M. Brown, to reorganize the committee. **APPROVED**, 5-2-1 (Irwin abstained).

M. Blanchard expressed his disappointment at the decision to reorganize the committee at this time and gave his verbal resignation from the committee. M. Blanchard left the meeting.

8:35 p.m. Recess.

9:05 p.m. Meeting returns to session.

The WRC discussed choosing a new chair and vice chair. The discussion centered on whose talents and skills could be best utilized to lead the committee.

MOTION by M. Brown, **SECOND** by E. Petrilak, to appoint R. Mattila as Chair and D. Irwin as the Vice-Chairman. **APPROVED**, 4-1-2 (Irwin and Petrilak abstained).

The WRC members agreed that the new Chair will communicate with Wright-Pierce and that M. Kalpin would not be at the next meeting as originally suggested.

The WRC members discussed in detail what information each felt is missing from the draft report. No new sections have been sent for review. The memo on the water costs analysis has not been received yet.

The WRC members agreed to allow an extension of time but not an increase of existing budget.

MOTION by E. Petrilak, **SECOND** by M. Brown, to reaffirm that all communication with Wright-Pierce be through the Chairman. **APPROVED**, unanimously.

MOTION by E. Petrilak, **SECOND** by M. Brown, to thank D. Irwin for raising the idea of desalination and for the fortitude of character to push it forward. **APPROVED**, unanimously.

R. Mattila asked that each member think about areas or questions about which we want to know more; about how we would lay out the information; about how we would put the remaining task list together. Describe for R. Mattila the major 'go/no-go' items.

Approval of Minutes. None

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

MOTION by M. Brown, **SECOND** by R. Mattila, to adjourn meeting. **APPROVED**, unanimously.

9:30 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____