

**WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
TOWN HALL  
Meeting Minutes ~ September 12, 2005**

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

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

Public Input: None.

Approval of Minutes: None.

Chairman's Topics:

**MOTION** by T. Burns, **SECOND** by M. Blanchard, to have Dave Irwin continue as Chair. **APPROVED**, unanimously.

**MOTION** by M. Blanchard, **SECOND** by R. Mattila to have Tom Burns continue as Vice-Chair. **APPROVED**, unanimously.

The consensus among WRC members is for R. Mattila to act as liaison with Wright-Pierce as we move forward with the study.

The WRC still has an alternate position open for appointment. Time commitment is an important consideration for the appointment. The WRC has been advised that all committee member terms will expire June 30, 2006, consistent with an annual schedule for reappointments being established by the Board of Selectmen.

Bob Higgins, retired employee of Hingham Water and Mass American Water has offered attend WRC meetings and answer system questions. The WRC agreed to hold off on inviting Mr. Higgins in to meet with the committee at this time.

The Chair reported that the Hingham Water Study Committee has requested a joint meeting with the Hull WRC at which time a water quality taste test will be conducted by Cohasset Water Commission and Aquarion. The WRC agreed to attend Hingham's meeting which is typically held on the second Wednesday of the month. The Chair will schedule and notify the committee.

The subcommittee responsible for entering into discussions with Wright-Pierce circulated a proposed scope of work and budget for consideration by the full committee. B. Hunter requested clarification regarding the role and timing of tasks of Wilmer Hale & Dorr. R. Mattila will request that Wright-Pierce and Wilmer Hale & Dorr attend the next WRC meeting to discuss. At the suggestion of T. Burns, the WRC agreed to invite Aquarion to a meeting to introduce Wright-Pierce, to informally advise Aquarion of the study status, and to solicit an informal commitment to receive informational inquiries.

**MOTION** by E. Petrilak, **SECOND** by M. Blanchard to enter into a contract to hire Wright-Pierce to conduct the study pursuant to Attachment A Scope of Work and the associated budget. **APPROVED**, unanimously.

R. Mattila will contact Wright-Pierce tomorrow to advise them of the committee vote. The WRC agreed that the sub-committee will terminate automatically upon signature of the final contract.

In anticipation of a signed contract, the WRC agreed to establish a bill approval process. Bills will be addressed to J. Meschino who will circulate to the WRC for approval at the next scheduled meeting. Once a bill has been approved, the WRC will submit the bill to Town Manager for processing. J. Meschino will find out the estimated turn around for payment.

New Business: None.

Old Business:

The WRC decided to hold off inviting EEA in to present its technology for now.

Items for Discussion: None.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, September 26, 2005  
7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

**MOTION** by B. Hunter, **SECOND** by M. Brown, to adjourn meeting. **APPROVED**, unanimously.

**9:53 p.m. meeting adjourned.**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_