

**WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes ~ November 8, 2004**  
**Town Hall**

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

**Also in attendance:** John Struzziery.

**Meeting called to order by Chair at 7:15 p.m.**

Approval of Minutes: None

Public Input:

John Struzziery expressed interest in the desalinization project as a resident of town and suggested that his company, SEA Consultants, has the expertise to assist with technical, environmental, siting, and financial areas. Mr. Struzziery offered to conduct a workshop with the committee to facilitate integration of new committee members and to assist with development of an RFP.

Items for Discussion:

The committee discussed options for developing a strategy and timeline to issue an RPF with an eye towards meeting our obligation to report back to the annual Town Meeting in May 2005.

E. Petrilak gave an overview of the distribution system based on schematics recently provided by Aquarion, including deficiencies regarding size of water tank at Strawberry Hill to support fire hydrants and access to mutual aid reserves. Further information has been requested regarding type, size and age of pipelines.

Old Business:

E. Petrilak reported that DPU is sending information regarding actual costs of water production by Aquarion. R. Mattila reported that he met with DEP. Although not specifically interested in desalinization, DEP is interested in projects which address conservation of resources as a policy matter per Governor Romney's Smart Growth plan. D. Irwin reported that water facts are being posted to cable T.V. a few each week. B. Hunter led a discussion recapping project drivers focusing on key gaps in conceptual information.

New Business:

The committee discussed bond counsel interpretation whether warrant article includes spending money on consultants to develop of business models and issues, e.g. salable product, market.

B. Hunter suggested that the committee develop and issue an RFQ (request for qualification) while continuing to draft an RFP. The RFQ would seek expression of interest and qualifications and would be a first step in defining scope of work and narrowing field of consultants/engineers.

The committee agreed to meet twice a month. **Next meeting:** November 22, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

Committee members volunteered for various tasks.

**9:55 p.m. meeting adjourned.**

Approved 01-10-05