

**WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL
Meeting Minutes ~ November 21, 2005**

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

Also in attendance: Arnold Wallenstein; Ann Herbst, Hull Conservation Agent; Rhoda Kanet; Alyssa Kanet.

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

Public Input: None.

Approval of Minutes: **MOTION** by T. Burns, **SECOND** by M. Brown, to approve minutes dated November 14, 2005. **APPROVED**, unanimously.

Chairman's Topics:

The Chair reported that five sets of minutes are still outstanding and stressed need for timely submission for review and approval.

T. Burns presented a brief outline of the geotechnical findings and Wright Pierce's proposal to conduct the next step: test wells to determine porosity. Wright Pierce will identify as many as twelve sites on Nantasket Beach. Wright Pierce will drill a vertical well approximately 40' to 50' deep and 2 1/2" in diameter using an auger. Test wells will likely be drilled on the beach front at street endings. Wright Pierce will first obtain a core sample. Depending on the results, Wright Pierce will then drill a second well from which it will pump sea water using the first well to monitor water level.

A. Herbst, Hull's Conservation Agent, explained that such work will likely necessitate a permit from the Conservation Commission. A. Herbst outlined the Conservation Commission filing options, process and timeframes. The Conservation Commission meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. There is a two week notice period prior to a public hearing and a ten day appeal period after approval. A. Herbst felt that a site visit would likely be unnecessary given the nature of the work. A. Herbst encouraged Wright Pierce to contact her ahead of time to ensure sufficient information is present for review and encouraged Wright Pierce to make sure that the right people attend the hearing to answer whatever questions Commissioners might have. G. Smith from Wright Pierce is supposed to contact A. Herbst this week.

The WRC reviewed Wright Pierce's first invoice. Chair will request a slightly different format and additional backup. Consensus is to use the same format as the budget which is attached to the contract as Exhibit B.

MOTION by M. Blanchard, **SECOND** by R. Mattila, to approve Wright Pierce's first invoice dated November 10, 2005 for payment. **APPROVED**, unanimously.

J. Meschino will create a warrant for the Chair's signature and will submit for payment.

The WRC discussed Wright Pierce's first contract amendment related to M. Kalpin's proposed client agreement. A. Wallenstein offered comments regarding the joint representation, the open-ended scope, possible fee reduction, specific budget cap on fees and a statement regarding any prior representation of Aquarion. J. Meschino will solicit input from Town Manager and Town Counsel on both concept and format. The Chair will clarify whether the scope of work on the Wright Pierce amendment is brought forward from Task 10A of the existing contract or is new work justifying the increase to the budget.

The Chair will confirm the committee's understanding that it is Wright Pierce's responsibility to select the best test well sites and file necessary permits. The Chair will also clarify what level on the beach the test wells will be located: low water mark versus high water mark versus dune versus land side.

The Chair will contact Wright Pierce to see if an additional meeting is necessary with the WRC to prepare to site test wells and filing for permits. The WRC agreed to meet November 28th if necessary.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Items for Discussion: None.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 28, 2005
7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

Monday, December 12, 2005
7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

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

9:00 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____