

MINUTES
MILLIS DRINKING WATER COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 10, 2016
MILLIS HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
245 PLAIN ST. MILLIS, MA 02054 6:00PM

ATTENDING:

James McCaffrey
Craig Schultze
Kathleen Lannon
James McKay
Charles Aspinwall

Barbara Thissell, Health Director
Tom Mahanna, Tighe & Bond

Betsey Frederick, Kleinfelder
Kirstin Davis, Kleinfelder
Andrew Goldberg, Kleinfelder

Mr. McCaffrey opened the meeting at 6:15 PM. He suggested that while we waited for Kleinfelder Representatives to get to the meeting we should discuss whether the report verifies that we do have the water to sell. Ms. Lannon said that she reached a conclusion that, based on the Kleinfelder Report, we do have the water to sell. Mr. McKay concurred provided that we have emergency clauses in place to be able to shut off water if Millis residents need it.

Ms. Lannon reported to the Committee that she spoke with DEP and was able to get the submittals that Exelon made to the Energy Facilities Siting Board with respect to water use. Her conversation with DEP found that there is no way the town could stop Exelon from trucking water from Millis, either from the Town or Ann & Hope's well, to Medway. The EIR also referenced the sale of 178,000 gallons of water, not 190,000, so that needs clarification. She said that we need to ask Exelon to address that issue in a subsequent report. Ms. Lannon also questioned what happens if Exelon is sold to another power producer. She also questioned whether Medway's water loss would cause Exelon to have to purchase more water. Last, Ms. Lannon said that the DCR methodology for population estimating should be used.

Mr. McKay reported that he believes Medway's unaccounted for water would be below 10% for 2015. Mr. Mahanna said that control issues need to be addressed in the next study that outlines how the systems will be metered and controlled. Mr. Mahanna also questioned the population projection used in the report.

At 6:45 PM the Kleinfelder representatives arrived. Mr. Aspinwall apologized for providing the incorrect start time for the meeting. Ms. Frederick began a presentation stating that the conclusion of their report is that Millis has enough water through the

2035 planning period to sell to Exelon or Medway. There was discussion about the population estimates. Ms. Davis reported that Kleinfelder used the DCR methodology which incorporates the data from the sources Kleinfelder used. The three different sources all reached the same conclusion that Millis' population would decline in the near term.

Mr. Aspinwall pointed out that with the next five year water management act permit review Millis will be faced with watering restrictions. That in turn will affect rates but will provide additional capacity to sell. Right now there are minimal watering restrictions in place. Mr. Schultze inquired whether the sale of water to Kleinfelder would require Town Meeting approval. Mr. Aspinwall reported that it did not.

Ms. Lannon observed that we have an obligation to make an allowance for those residents currently on private wells. Additionally, Ms. Lannon said that she wants the report to include water demand estimates with no population drop. Mr. Aspinwall suggested that as long as we require Exelon to mitigate the 190,000 gallons they wish to reserve, then we should have sufficient capacity to provide water to well users in the future. Lannon said that when she spoke with MA DEP she was informed that the report should use DCR numbers. Mr. Aspinwall noted that the State will require Millis to reduce outdoor watering regardless of the Exelon project. Anticipated water use will decrease.

Ms. Lannon questioned if the Drinking Water Committee has a responsibility to hold back water for citizens currently serviced by private well. Mr. Aspinwall questioned if water needed to be held in reserve for large, undeveloped tracks of land. It was stated that if 190,000 gallons stormwater from development are mitigated then there would be no loss of future development

Ms. Frederick distributed a document dated 2/10/16. This document was created to follow a Power Point presentation. (See attached) Unfortunately time did not allow the presentation. Frederick and Ryan briefly highlighted revisions that Kleinfelder is incorporating into their study. Ms. Frederick said the bottom line is ultimately can the Town produce enough water to be comfortable meeting demands and include room for future growth.

The meeting was cut short due to a Board of Selectmen hearing scheduled for 7:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by Sel. McCaffrey at 7:25pm, seconded by Ms. Lannon. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:
Charles Aspinwall
Barbara Thissell
Karen Bouret