

## WELLHEAD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES (#44, by L. Segal)

September 10, 2009

Attendance: Sherre Greenbaum, Tom Sciacca, Jennifer Riley, Linda Segal, Don Millette  
Location: Wayland Town Building, School Committee Meeting Room, 41 Cochituate Rd.

Meeting convened at 9:05 a.m. Water Superintendent Don Millette attended first hour. DPW Director Don Ouellette attended first agenda item.

**Zone I protection for sand pit parcel (37-032):** Discussed with Don Ouellette the opportunity to achieve zone I and II protection for Happy Hollow wells at this location as housing advocates consider building affordable housing on 3 acres of the upland portion along Stonebridge Rd. WCP suggested a warrant article for the Nov. 18 special town meeting (warrant closes 9/22) creating two separate lots with new roadway access to the wells from Stonebridge. Official plot plan needed with surveyed meets and bounds. Parcel used to be under the care & custody of the Board of Road Commissioners, so Don Ouellette will check with the Board of Public Works. Care & custody of the 3 acre housing lot would need to be voted transferred to the Housing Authority and the rest to the Water Division of the DPW.

**MEPA review for Birch Rd. Wells:** T. Sciacca reported project proponent met with state & federal officials on 9/8 and plans to submit FEIR before 9/15 (to be published in 9/23 Environmental Monitor with public comment period ending 10/23). Fast-tracking to meet February 2010 deadline to use federal stimulus monies. Hired former DEP Commissioner Bob Gollodge as their attorney.

**Wellhead Protection Compliance:** D. Millette OK'd S. Greenbaum to pursue finding out what needs to be done to get Wayland on the DEP/EPA official compliance lists, e.g. new zone II protective legislation, regulations, etc.

**Raytheon SEP proposal:** D. Millette reported department agreement with Raytheon's proposed SEP to the Conservation Commission, adding monitoring wells between cleanup site and Baldwin for enhanced wellhead protection. Installation, testing and review of data to be funded by Raytheon (proposal sent to WPC and D. Millette by ERM's Jason Flattery)

**Phase II project update:** D. Millette reported that they will start preliminary steps to start testing at Baldwin. Required to do a demo study for DEP. D. DeNatale will forward written proposal to D. Ouellette for field work at Happy Hollow this fall or winter.

**WPC budget update:** \$34K leak detection grant managed by Tata & Howard following DEP parameters results in limitations. Survey of town water pipe system not done so moving forward without important baseline of info. \$10K may be used for radio leak detection devices. Don Millette will check on status of WPC budget. FY08-09 was \$5K each. WPC and Jack Mitchell understood FY10 is \$15K, perhaps coming from the public education.

**Annual Report:** WPC inadvertently omitted in the Annual Report during recent department transition years. D. Millette welcomes receiving two paragraphs summarizing our role and activities to be incorporated in the Water Division section (deadline September 30).

**April 2010 Water Week:** Brainstormed activities emphasizing public education: Baldwin open house, blind water tasting, large visuals showcasing water system, demo aquifer model, possible theme of what we do to protect Wayland water

**Private wells/sprinkling systems/emergency response update:** Reported to D. Millette re WPC Aug. 27 discussion with ConCom. ConCom recommended white paper on current town oversight of wells & sprinkling systems, explore what other towns do to regulate (K. Tramosch already offered to compile), etc. before considering collaboration with others to propose improvements to local legislation. Morphed into questions about town's emergency response preparedness. D. Millette reported an existing emergency response plan that he updates annually (Dec. 31) with DEP. OSHA regs adopted by DEP, affecting water dept., to be coordinated with Fire Dept. T. Sciacca asked about town's ability to respond to scenario of accidental disaster-type spill along OCP near Happy Hollow. D. Millette to report back at next meeting.

**Add WPC to updated DPW website:** On DPW's "to do" list for this winter. WPC also recommends restoring historical water info that disappeared from website. (D.M. left)

**Minutes approved:** August 25 & 27, 2009 meeting minutes voted approved (4-0), S. Greenbaum motion, T. Sciacca second.

**Birch Rd. wells MEPA review:** Agreed (J. Riley motion, T. Sciacca second, voted 4-0) to alert BOPW by Memo with EPA comment letter attached that FEIR is expected to be filed soon. If needed check with MEPA analyst Anne Canaday to track filing.

**New Business/action steps:**

1) Action steps from 8/27 ConCom meeting: S. Greenbaum & L. Segal volunteered to gather existing data in town records re private wells & sprinkler systems (BOH and water) & make appointment to discuss topic with Health Director Steve Calichman. Consensus to put hold on ConCom recommending low salt policy w/road signage until we have DeNatale's testing data.

2) Cultural Council Grant: brainstormed possible "interpretive science" proposal linking Mass Audubon & Riverfest for event in June, seek funding for Audubon speaker & advertising, demo model aquifer, stage at Old Four Arch Bridge, backup rain site at PSB community meeting room. Possible title "The river comes out of your faucet." Voted to apply for grant (J. Riley motion, T. Sciacca second, approved 4-0). J. Riley volunteered to scout for speaker and draft proposal (DEADLINE ?).

3) HSBC follow-up. T. Sciacca to contact Lea Anderson for update regarding WPC input to site design at August 13 meeting.

**Next meetings:** Thursday, September 17, 4 p.m. for Baldwin plant tour with D. Millette, Thursday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m. in town building

Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m. (S. Greenbaum motion, T. Sciacca second, voted 4-0)

(meeting minutes approved on October 1, 2009)