

DOVER WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - April 14, 2021

Held remotely via zoom

Present: Professor Gerald Clarke, Chairman; Carol Lisbon, Greg Kahoun, Justine Kent-Uritam, Ron Myrick, members

Guests: Ralph Abele, CRWA; Sarah Bower, MRA; Kay Petersen, M.D.; Robert Zockoff; Robyn Hunter; Maureen Callahan; Karl Warnick; Carolyn Meklenburg, MVP; Maggie Danielski; Linda Coelho

1. Meeting called to order 8:02 am
2. Carol made a motion seconded by Ron to approve the meeting minutes of March 10, 2021 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Gerald provided an update from the MA Drought Management Task Force Meeting which has declared that the state is in mild drought conditions.
4. There was a discussion regarding the possibility of having a group of 10-12 volunteers track precipitation in Dover. This would help provide more detailed information over time that could determine impacts on wells and streams.
5. Very few private well owners in Dover have volunteered to participate in the state's PFAS testing program. Ron explained that there are financial risks for the well owner should PFAS be found.
6. Linda Cutler, Program Coordinator, has requested help from the Board of Health in finding volunteers. After a discussion of the potential liability issues involved and the state's requirement that PWSs test for PFAS in the near future, it was decided that the Board would not solicit Dover residents for voluntary well testing.
7. Gerald made a motion seconded by Justine to purchase additional water conservation and drought signs to be displayed throughout Dover and stored at the Highway Garage when not in use. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Although a mild drought has been declared, the committee agreed that putting up the signs should be delayed until more information is made available to the public regarding water conservation in order to help create better understanding of the issues.
9. Greg brought up the need for a software interface for the GPS devices to make sure that collected data is not lost. Gerald and Greg plan to meet with the Town Administrator on this matter.

10. Bob gave an update on the South Natick Dam.

Under consideration are 2 alternatives:

- Remove the trees and rebuild the spillway
- Eliminate the spillway and let the area go back to its natural state

11. At 10:12 am it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.