

DOVER BOARD OF HEALTH
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - October 13, 2021

Held remotely via zoom

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

Guests: Maureen Callahan, John Jeffries

1. Meeting called to order 8:04 am
2. Greg made a motion seconded by Justine to approve the meeting minutes of September 15, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Gerald reviewed the process used for measuring the water in the rain gauges. He noted the disparity between rain amounts measured at Logan International Airport and the actual amounts of precipitation in Dover. He has found that it is necessary to provide a very detailed explanation to volunteers for measuring and recording precipitation data.
4. Gerald informed the committee that he has made multiple inquiries to the schools to see if they would like to participate on the weather stations project. He has not yet received a response. He is also looking for additional volunteers for the weather stations.
5. Carol inquired as to which person/department in town has the responsibility of collecting and managing the data as more than one department is involved with water issues in Dover. She was of the opinion that it should not be done by volunteers.
6. John stated in reference to Carol's question that the Board of Selectmen was working towards developing an integrated process to achieve short and long term water goals. The plan would involve creating policies for a coordinated effort with other boards and committees.
7. A question arose as to whether the Board of Health's current well water testing requirement provided adequate information on well water quality. After a brief discussion, committee members agreed that the current list of chemicals and organics to be tested was adequate at this time. Testing for radon was also mentioned. It will not yet be required.
8. A discussion took place regarding the water discoloration problem with Colonial Water Company and the Tata and Howard Consultant's report that suggested ways in which to remedy the situation.

9. Justine will send her research on lawn irrigation regulations (Ipswich River source) for privately owned wells and public water supply companies to John Jeffries for review.
10. Greg spoke about the town's investment at 46 Springdale and questioned if the town was willing to invest in drilling additional town wells.
11. Bob noted that summer irrigation brings additional revenue to water systems such as Natick, which can then build reserves to improve and maintain the systems.
12. At 9:51 am it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.