

Board of Water Commissioners
Wellfleet Town Hall Conference Room, 300 Main St.
June 6, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Chair Justina Carlson, Neil Gadwa, James Hood, Catharie Nass, James Hood, Curt Felix

Others Present: Laura Kelley (POCCA), Michele Insley (SPAT), Roy Maher (Whitewater), Lydia Vivante (Recycling Committee), Bruce Taub, P.C., Gail Ferguson

Chair Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Eversource: Test Wells (Laura Kelley, Guest Speaker):

Chair Carlson Introduces Laura Kelley, President of Protect Our Cape Cod Aquifer (POCCA) to the Board and guests. Kelley explains that she is working with Attorney Bruce Taub, as well as an eco-toxicologist, Dr. John D. Stark, to meet with other Cape Cod towns in an effort to support the legal effort preventing Eversource from spraying herbicides along the power lines territory. June 12th is the deadline for Health and Water Commission Boards to decide they will say they are aggrieved parties in letter-form, with Bruce Taub as representation, in order encourage an Adjudicatory Hearing. Michaela Miteva asks if there is a financial cost to move forward with the request. Kelley states that yes, there is a Financial contribution to assist with legal counsel and the eco-toxicologist, but doesn't have an exact number.

Hood suggests that there is not enough time to review the information being presented, and the Board concurs. There is agreement by the Board to request that the wells be tested by Eversource, who will have to pay and have to act on the results. Kelley reasons the time to test wells is after spraying, and Wellfleet hasn't been tested the past two years, since Eversource last sprayed in 2015. Maher is asked by the room what the protective radius is around the wells, and he responds that it's well over 100 feet. The Board says would like to see a preventative "system" in a place, such as the monitoring and testing of the wells.

Nass states that she is a former epidemiologist, and explains there is a difference between herbicides and pesticides, and no one is measuring what is effecting the wells. Will it pass scientific scrutiny by Everource and other authorities. She thinks that there are a number of different facts and figures involved, and before a decision can be reached, more research is required.

The Board thanks Laura Kelley and Bruce Taub, but concluded they would need more time to review the information being presented before the anticipated deadline of June 12, 2017.

Oysterfest Booth/Signage: Lydia Vivante from Wellfleet Recycling Committee and Michele Insley from SPAT:

Lydia Vivante and Michele Insley are introduced to the Board. The purpose for them meeting with the Board of Water Commissioners is to work together and promote Town

hear that there is an agreement for the approval for the expansion, to be able to move forward with a systematic response.

Carlson: If you're looking at a capital expense, for example an expansion, then you need a "manager". Besides an economic background, this person should have some sort of knowledge with alternative solutions and a progressive approach.

The Board decides to keep the information simple, provide a brief summary, and put a financial "example" together. They discuss reviewing the plan from 2003, increase the numbers, status of the system, and update the projection. This will give an idea of the magnitude of the cost.

Felix will create a list of questions and Hood will assemble an updated financials record. The Board will continue the discussion in the near future.

Cost of Service Option

N/A

Wastewater and Water Commission Warrant Article: Path Forward

Minutes (5-16-2017)

Motion to approve by Hood, Second by Carlson, Felix abstained

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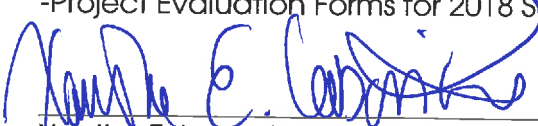
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Topics for Future Discussions

- SPAT/Recycling Committee
- Master Plan-Meeting with Board of Selectmen

Public Record:

- Summary of Proposed Expert Testimony
- Notice of Proposed Disposition of Town-owned land
- Project Evaluation Forms for 2018 State Revolving Fund Projects



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Justina Carlson, Chair