

WMAC Meeting Minutes, September 20, 2018

Attendees: David Crosby – Chair, Mark Altabet, Anne Carney, David Hearne, Lealdon Langley, Rory McGregor – Secretary

1. Minutes for April 19, 2018 meeting were approved.
2. Significant points of information from past year's activity (July 2017 – June 2018):

Sharon Water Department pumped significantly below our annual permitted capacity.

\$3.46M in revenue vs. budget at \$3.8M is a major shortfall. We need strategies for making up revenue shortfall.

Current base rate for all households is \$32.50 per quarter or \$130 per year. Lealdon pointed out that Massachusetts DEP wants increasing block rate structure. Top water users may be the source for making up revenue shortfall.

3. Issues for discussion in this year:

Implement irrigation meter policy for households with in ground sprinkler systems.

Arrange water system tour for selectmen and WMAC.

Propose increase in water pricing rates for selectmen review/approval by January 2019.

Set up citizens' storm drain monitoring network in Sharon. MS4 program will document all storm drains in town. Have people sign up to handle storm drains in their neighborhood. Use our conservation education program in schools to educate the community about this opportunity to monitor storm drains.

Continue brown water investigation and discussion. David Crosby and Rory McGregor have water filters on the main water line coming into their homes. Frequency of changing out filters and costs are being monitored.

4. Next meeting is Thursday October 18th at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rory McGregor
Secretary, WMAC