

WMAC Meeting Minutes, September 21, 2017

Attendees: Chris Pimentel – Vice-Chair, Anne Carney, Lealdon Langley, Rory McGregor - Secretary

Guest: Eric Hooper, Superintendent - Sharon DPW

1. Minutes from the May 2017 meeting were approved.
2. Discussion on requiring home owners with in-ground irrigation systems to install backflow preventers led to the decision that the Water Department will notify home owners that they have one year to come into compliance with this new policy which will be presented to the selectmen by Eric for their approval. Public health concerns are the reason for this new policy.

The website registration program for home owners with in-ground irrigation has resulted in approximately 500 sign ups.

3. Eric met with MWRA personnel on Sharon's emergency connection for water to Norwood. Eric will award contract for detailed design of pump station and piping for the emergency connection within the next month. Walpole may also attempt to work with Norwood to obtain an emergency connection for their town. Negotiation with MWRA and Norwood for water supply will take place over the next year. Having Walpole participate simultaneously may provide better bargaining power.

4. Eric gave his water report. Nitrate at well #4 dropped to 3.75 mg/L, well below the 5 mg/L trigger for action. Pumping for the year remains down; projected total for the year is 400,000,000 gallons. Unaccounted for water (UAW) remains low at about 1%. Yearly revenue for 2017 which concluded June 30 is now projected at \$3,500,000, but Eric does not have a final number yet. This means that the Water Department will be on target for revenue forecast and expense budget.

5. Replacement of Massapoag water tank at \$1.5 million is scheduled in the Water Master Plan for 2018. Eric will start the planning and budgeting process soon.

6. Next meeting will take place Thursday October 19.

Respectfully submitted,

Rory McGregor, Secretary