

WMAC Meeting Minutes, October 17, 2019

Attendees: David Crosby, Chair; Anne Carney; David Hearne; Chris Pimental, Lealdon Langley, David Brookfield

Guests: Eric Hooper, Superintendent- Sharon DPW; Christopher Wheeler, Envocore

Chairman Crosby called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

Minutes from the September 19, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

Agenda article 2 was taken out of order in order to hear from Mr. Wheeler.

2. Discussion on the need to replace the water meters that were installed in 2007-2008. Chris Wheeler spoke to us concerning his company Envocore which is a design, engineering and construction company that installs current state of the art water meters. He explained that there were basically two types of water meters – cellular and radio. Each type has accuracy of about 98.5% and there are different options on how the Town could implement the program ranging from doing everything, including billing, in-house through Munis (the Town's current billing system) to outsourcing everything to an outside vendor. Another option to be considered is whether the Town will consider town-wide WIFI. How soon a decision has to be made will depend on the failure rate of the current meters. Eric said that there are about 10 per month but that could rise. The committee will look into other companies as well since more research on options is necessary. Eric expects a decision will need to be made in 1-2 years and funding will be through borrowing.

1. Discussion of artificial turf vs grass fields at the high school. Eric said he personally favors grass but it needs to be rested periodically and cannot be used for as many sports as artificial turf. There are concerns about chemicals such as pfa's and pfo's but there are companies that claim they are not present in their product. Also noted was the fact artificial turf does not last as long as previously claimed. Life expectancy is about 8-10 years and artificial turf also has to be watered.

The Rattlesnake Hill article at the Nov. 4, 2019 special town meeting was discussed. There are already water pressure issues in that area of town and development of dwellings would add to the problems. The acquisition would be paid through community preservation funds Of 7.5 million and a state grant of 2.5 million.

3. a. Revenue projection is 4.1 million to 4.5 million
- b. Pumping is showing a slight increase
- c. There is a warrant article at the special town meeting to purchase a lot that is adjacent to

the water tank near Bay Road. The emergency connection to the MWRA through Norwood will have an Intermunicipal Agreement drawn up and it will be presented at the May annual town meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2019 at the Community Center at 7:30 PM

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Carney

Acting Secretary