

CAMBRIDGE WATER BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2014

This meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Those in attendance were:

Cambridge Water Board (CWB): James Tanner, Richard Johnson, Ann Roosevelt and Phil Weinberg (phone)

Cambridge Water Department (CWD): Sam Corda, Tim MacDonald, Mark Gallagher and Fred Centanni

A. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 MEETING

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Tanner seconded the motion to approve the October 15, 2014 minutes as written. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. MacDonald discussed the Watertown Bikepath Project. This is a project where the Town of Watertown has formally proposed to build another section of the Bikepath to add to the existing Bikepath system. This would go on within the conduit property similar to the DCR Project behind the Watertown Mall. The Department supports this idea because it helps to "clean up", maintain and allow easy access to the conduit. We will work through the Law Department to develop the appropriate agreements to allow this to happen correctly; following a similar process to the DCR Bikepath already built and successfully functioning.

Mr. Tanner made a motion to "approve the construction of a multiuse path over the conduit property as defined in the Town of Watertown proposal and plans (from Main Street to Howard Street in Watertown, MA) and utilizing the appropriate "agreement" as developed by the City of Cambridge Law Department and approved by the Cambridge City Manager". Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. MacDonald discussed the Sibley Road Stormwater Improvement Project in Weston. The Department supports the project. Tim presented and summarized the detailed drainage plans and reiterated the benefits of the project which are significant water quality improvements over existing conditions. Mr. Corda added that we have been working with the Law Department and have developed a license agreement with Weston for this project.

Ms. Roosevelt made a motion to "approve that the Town of Weston can continue to discharge the stormwater runoff from Sibley Road onto the Stony Brook Reservoir watershed as long as the stormwater is treated to the current Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) stormwater regulation(s) and in accordance with the licensing agreement for such use". Mr. Tanner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

It was recommended that draft recommendations be presented again at the December Water Board Meeting.

C. OPERATIONS

Transmission and Distribution:

Mr. Tanner asked what length of water mains have been and planned to be upgraded relating to the construction projects summarized. Mr. Gallagher responded with over 33,000 linear feet.

Watershed:

The acronym "USGS" stands for "United States Geological Survey".

Comments were made that the webpage information relating to the Kingsley Park Project was done well and is very informative.

It was noted that there are a lot of projects going on in the watershed and that it is and continues to be a priority for the Watershed Division to participate in the site plan review and development process.

Relating to the water supply system capacity it was noted that we are at 52% reservoir capacity but are now entering the recharge period for the reservoirs.

Water Operations:

It was discussed that there was not a need to shutdown the supply conduit, a second time, for the Huron Avenue projects as originally planned.

The acronym "ICP" stands for "Inductively Coupled Plasma".

Business:

It was reiterated that water consumption has continued the downward trend and in particular over the past ten years.

Engineering Division: No Comments

D. ACTION ITEMS

Board votes were taken on Sibley Road and the Watertown multiuse path.

E. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

None

F. NEW BUSINESS

None

G. NEXT MEETING DATES /TOPICS

- December 10, 2014 – Approved/Election of the President, Regulations, Energy update
- January 14, 2015 – Approved/Review of Demand Study, Eco-Counter Information
- February 11, 2015 – Approved/Climate Protection Vulnerability Assessment
- March 11, 2015 – Approved/Security Vulnerability Assessment

Key Topic: Watertown Bikepath and Sibley Road

Mr. Tanner moved and Ms. Roosevelt seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 pm. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Minutes approved by vote of the Board.

Signed: _____
Ann C. Roosevelt, President

Date: _____