

CAMBRIDGE WATER BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2017

This meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Those in attendance were:

Cambridge Water Board (CWB): Richard Johnson, Ann Roosevelt, Jason Marshall and Jim Burruss
Cambridge Water Department (CWD): Sam Corda, Fred Centanni, Ed Dowling, Tim MacDonald, Mark Gallagher and David Kaplan

A. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 MEETING

Mr. Burruss moved and Mr. Marshall seconded the motion to approve the September 12, 2017 minutes as written. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Laboratory Testing Information: Ed Dowling, Laboratory Manager, gave a power point presentation on laboratory information and protocols. The presentation can be found with the following link:

<Http://www.cambridgema.gov/~media/Files/waterdepartment/labfiles/waterboardlabpresentation101217.pdf?la=en>

C. OPERATIONS

Transmission and Distribution:

No Comments

Watershed:

MassDEP Hobbs Brook Reservoir Assessment: DEP has completed their assessment of the Hobbs Brook Reservoir with the assessment report to be completed shortly. The chloride level has been found to be elevated. This result should give us leverage to get MassDOT to reduce/modify the “de-icing” of route 128 in the vicinity of the Reservoirs.

104 Boston Post Road/Mill Complex: DEP affirmed the local Conservation Commission denial of the original Mill Complex approach; the petitioner is now asking that the DEP decision be adjudicated. CWD, with the assistance of the law department, is continuing intense involvement with this development in our watershed to ensure that our water supply is properly protected.

Ms. Roosevelt asked about the Lincoln Street Subdivision Trail and how Article 97 affected the outcome to not allow the trail. It was stated that the Article 97 language specifically related to the purchase of this parcel of land specifically restricts any use of the land to be to the sole benefit of the water supply system.

Water Operations:

The 2017 round of Lead and Copper Rule sampling test results were submitted to DEP and we continue to be in compliance with this rule since its inception in 1991. Currently, we need to sample for lead and copper every 3 years and the next sampling round will be in 2020.

Business:

No Comments

Engineering:

No Comments

D. ACTION ITEMS

None

E. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

None

F. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Johnson brought up a website that specifically discussed seven (7) “contaminants”, the website is sponsored by the “Environmental Working Group” that compared Cambridge, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), State of Massachusetts and US averages to the California “Public Health Goal”. He asked if the Water Department could look at these and have a response for the numbers cited.

G. NEXT MEETING DATES/TOPICS

- November 14, 2017: Approved/Watershed Protection and Monitoring
- December 12, 2017: Approved/Election of the President/Customer Service Module Project update
- January 9, 2018: Approved/DCR Greenway
- February 13, 2018: Approved/VFD Project Tour

Ms. Roosevelt moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Minutes approved by vote of the Board.