

11 Sept 2019

Ad Hoc Water Committee Meeting

AHWC meeting notes (no quorum)

Present: Tom Mikus (TM), Diane Cartwright (DC), Laura Evans (LE)

Members want to pursue going forward with research on possible Watershed protection properties: LE to follow up with assessor (?) in town hall for list of orphaned parcels, see who if anyone is paying taxes on properties, TM and DC review, we can refer to other committees and selectmen to recommend for possible purchase by town.

Talked about land that was on the town meeting warrant for possible sale to replenish the fund tapped for new DPW facility, some of it possibly watershed. Some other committees opposed the sale, then withdrawn from warrant.

Goosenecks review. Diane got email from Michael at DPW end of July saying job was done and DPW had notified property owners that they may have goosenecks or other fittings of interest in their water lines. Email was linked to a list which is no longer accessible online. LE was not copied on that email and kept working and stopped on book 40 in September. Later books had way fewer goosenecks. Review printout of 191 findings. LE to email Michael and request to be copied on email that went to Diane in July. Seek wrap up from DPW of this project. Would like to do more work like this going forward, that helps town. Note that committee members are not experts; we may have included some properties that have since been updated, and may have missed some. Dirty data. Made best efforts with what we had and skills at hand. Drawings vary considerably in level of detail. Much use of acronyms.

Membership. Ideas for increasing membership: LE to contact Green Team in HS to see if they are interested in participating going forward. Ask DPW to name AHWC as having done research for DPW on examining property maps looking for goosenecks. Attend next DPW meeting and ask if they can suggest any volunteer members.

Tap-water testing. When DPW debriefs us, let's ask how gooseneck project results are being used to initiate selective tap water testing, what protocol is being followed, who pays, etc. How can AHWC help in this effort?

Other. Water filter RFP went out recently. Cause for delay?

Next meeting: 9 October, 5:30