



MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2018
REHOBOTH WATER COMMISSION

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Rehoboth Water Commission was held at Dunkin Donuts, 227 Winthrop Street, on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 7:19 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Members: Joseph Nunes, Edwin Ballard, Patricia Vadnais and Kathleen Conti

GUEST

John Hermance and Katie Eyer

MINUTES

Motion: Tish Vadnais made a motion to approve the minutes of July 16, 2018 as amended

Motion 2nd: Joseph Nunes

Potable Well Water Conditioning

Motion: Tish Vadnais made a motion to table until Joseph Nunes can talk to Tom Nicholson

Motion 2nd: Kathleen Conti

DISCUSSION

Ted Ballard – Problem there are no requirements on fracturing. People have problem with their water quality. Fracturing within a development will affect the house next door. Board of Health asked for before and after results after fracturing.

Expansion of mapping. Ed Bertozzi will be out. Ted showed Water Resource map dated 8-20-2016. Planning Board wants to expand to cover the whole town. Put Palmer River Watershed on map. Had to change boundaries at Town Meeting. Palmer River Watershed Outline had error and the map dated August is what this is related to.

Tish Vadnais – Planning Board discussed whole town to be put on Watershed Protection. How will it affect restaurants, etc.

Ted Ballard – He feels you can't grandfather anything because of health issues.

Tish Vadnais – Synopsis of Planning Board and Bill Napolitano presentation.

Katie Eyer – Zone 2 is high volume well, actually in Swansea but runs into Rehoboth, 1000,000 gallons approximately, in protected area.

Joe Nunes – What do we want to do?

Katie Eyer – We don't have a choice. We have to go with Zone 2 guidelines by State.

Joe Nunes – Protection zones to Jack. Zone most intense, Zone 2 not as intense. Zone 3 contributes water to aquifer.

Joe Nunes – Commission needs clear/direct task to get anything accomplished.

Ted Ballard – We have already done it by identifying the problem. Bill Costa part of Water Study Committee.

Tish Vadnais - Work with Planning Board whenever Waters Resources Map comes up. On agenda every time for Planning Board. Tish will submit agenda to Planning Board to Water Commission Meetings.

Jack Hermance – Recommends ask questions. He needs clarification of Planning Board.

Tish Vadnais – At next Planning Board meeting suggest having Water Commission on Agenda.

We are getting conflicting information. Planning Board can present to Water Commission to clarify what is going on with map.

Joe Nunes – Two conflicting discussions

Motion: Joe Nunes made a motion to contact Planning Board to be put on agenda on where we are with map.

2nd: Tish Vadnais

Jack Hermance – Ted was asked to set up a group for Water Protection issues.

Ted Ballard – Water Commission is not ready to discuss with Planning Board yet.

Joe Nunes – Who will decide, Water Study Group or Water Commission.

Water Study Group will let Water Commission know when they are ready to discuss with Planning Board. We will not ask to be put on Planning Board agenda at this time.

Jack Hermance would like to get permission to talk to Bill Neolitano to get his questions answered.

Ted Ballard did discussion on Chapter 40B.

ANAWAN SCHOOL PROJECT

Tish Vadnais – Got a message from Vicky Grimes (across from the COA) asking how project is coming along.

Ted Ballard – Concerns have not been settled. Easement was not approved so wells had to be moved. Helen should contact developer to get a status report.

Tish Vadnais – Emails presented – Helen has to answer, not us.

ACTION ITEM

Joe Nunes will call Helen to get status of Womens Development Corp (WDC).

EPA PROJECT

Email from Ian Dembrowski to Helen and Health Agent Palmer River Source Tracking, Water Quality Trends Summary and Water Shed Plan.

Continues effort started in 2012. Won't start retesting until spring. Contamination, human or animal. The are going to want to clean it up.

Joes Nunes will read through EPA issue and we will discuss at next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Tish Vadnai made a motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

Motion 2nd: Kathleen Conti

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen J. Conti
Rehoboth Water Commissioner
Secretary