



Manchester-By-The-Sea Meeting Posting

Notice of Public Meeting – (As required by M.G.L.Ch.30A §18-28)

Board/Committee: Water Resources Protection Task Force

Day & Date: Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: VIRTUAL

Signature: Sue Croft

Attendees: Steve Gang, Peter Colarusso, Ron Mastrogiacomo, Jeff Cochand, David Lumsden, Randi Augustine, Nate Desrosiers, Tom Kehoe, Helen Bethell, John Round, Donna Furse, Jack Burke, Lynn Atkinson, Olga Hayes, Jessica Lamothe, Ron Parker

MINUTES

- Steve Gang welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order.
- Steve gave attendees an update from his presentation to the Select Board at their meeting on 4/18. Initial feedback from the SB included that rather than creating a new committee to carry the Task Force torch into the future that they would likely want to add responsibilities to the existing Sustainability committee of which the chair (Allison Anholt-White) is amenable. It was suggested that the current vacancies on the Sustainability committee be filled by a couple of people from the Task Force to ensure that the expertise regarding water is maintained. The SB also felt that some of the recommendations were already underway or being considered. Steve will be providing another update to the SB during their 5/15 meeting which will focus on water rate changes.
- Nate gave an update on the status of the recommendations for which the DPW is responsible.
- Steve reviewed the current recommendations regarding water rates as presented to the SB. These recommendations are still to be vetted by Raftelis. The rate changes would be rolled out in phases and the tier structure would decrease from 6 tiers to 4. This discussion included a model of the revenues associated with the new rates. Steve included a suggested amendment to the water policy as well as it applies to the water enterprise fund. These rate changes would apply only to residential users at this point. Currently, residential water use accounts for 97% of water use. The information to be presented to the SB on 5/15 will be enhanced to provide clarity and continuity.
- A vote was held to approve taking the recommendations to the SB which passed unanimously.
- Steve gave an update regarding the Citizen's Survey. So far, 185 people have taken the survey. He walked attendees through the results and comments gathered thus far.
- Steve talked about his response to last week's Cricket article by Greg Federspiel regarding PFAS.
- Minutes from 4/12 meeting were unanimously approved.
- Next meeting scheduled for Wed 5/24 at 7:00 PM.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.