

WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2022
4:30 P.M. WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Commissioners present: Bob Janes, Larry Corcoran and Jack Duggan
Mike Gootée, Interim Superintendent, Mark Marlowe Superintendent and Jodi Bertrand, Administrative Assistant

Ivria Glass-Fried, Lead Council with Miyares and Harrington, LLP

Meeting called to order at 4:30.

Larry Corcoran arrived in the office at 4:42.

Discussion regarding proposed/potential Indian Hill Pipeline Project and future intermunicipal relationships.

Janes stated that the Indian Hill project has nothing to do with the Water Department. If lower artichoke is raised and our wellfield is affected then that would be the only issue Janes could see.

Duggan said that we (Water Dept) really do not know what Newburyport Water wants to do and that they want to control what information is released and when.

Duggan asked Ivria if there is any DEP enforcement for IMA's and she said there is not. There is a "manual" but not for West Newbury's situation.

Discussion continued about nutrient loading.

Knowledge and information need to be communicated much more between Newburyport Water, Town Manager and Select Board.

Gootée bought up many past times that the Water Dept went to Newburyport Water for a lower rate for Water Protection Bylaw and Newburyport placed limits (lower rate for only 3 years) but wanted an indefinite protection bylaw.

Indian Hill project - has no hydrants on upper reservoir, fire suppression needed, if this pipe is going to be put in could this be worked into the project.

Discussion on Acts of 1936, gives the Water Board all the same authority as the Select Board, now they are restructuring what they say the Water Board can and cannot do.

Duggan asked that Newbury join Newburyport and West Newbury in any future Watershed Protection planning. If West Newbury were to adopt its own watershed protection plan for the Indian Hill Reservoir and Artichoke Reservoirs, it could extend to all land in town and promote best land management practices to control nutrient runoff and consider future land purchase in sensitive areas to better control nutrient loading.

Ivria said the next step would be sit with Angus, Select Board and Water and see what they can do to protect WN residents, manage rates, noise and aesthetics with the WN scenery.

Ivria left office at 5:50 pm

Discussion with Board regarding Mark Marlowe's license and salary rate being kicked back to hourly

until the State gets him the actual paper license. The State only meets once a month and it could take until the next board meeting. Gootée reiterated if his license was needed then the department could just use his license until Mark receives his. If there is a problem Gootée's license could be used and the Board does not understand what the problem with this is.

Duggan moved if Marlowe's license does not come through when expected then we will operate under Gootée's license until certification is received for Marlowe, Unanimous.

Adjourned meeting at 6:04

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jodi Bertrand", written over the printed name.

Jodi Bertrand
Administrative Assistant