



TOWN OF BOW

Drinking Water Protection Committee

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MINUTES – May 4, 2020

A virtual meeting was held via Zoom meeting software. Ms. Klevens read the online meeting checklist and performed roll call. Attendees: Cindy Klevens (Chair), Wendy Waskin, Blake Hooper, Madhumita Chatterjee, Jordan Vachon. Chris Culberson was excused. Alvina Snegach recorded the minutes.

1) **MINUTES** - Minutes for the April meeting were reviewed and approved as presented after a roll call vote (Ms. Vachon – yes; Ms. Waskin – yes; Ms. Chatterjee – yes; Mr. Hooper – yes; Ms. Klevens – yes) following a motion by Mr. Blake, seconded by Ms. Chatterjee.

2) **TASKS FROM LAST MEETING**

Ms. Klevens

Submit letter to School Board about SB247 Lead Testing and Remediation Grant for Schools – *Continued*. A new draft letter with attachments was distributed to members for final review and comments by 1 week, after which we will submit it to the School Board. Ms. Klevens also called attention to a draft 1-page summary of the lead testing at daycares and schools for the Town Website, also included in the lead testing package for member comments.

Mr. Hooper

Draft announcement for drive-through Test Your Well 2020 event (June 6th pickup / June 7th dropoff) and reservation with Bow Parks and Rec Dept – *Completed*. Mr. Hooper discussed the draft notice and members were asked to review and comment by 24 hours to distribute the final announcement ASAP. Mr. Hooper will coordinate with Parks and Rec to reserve the drive-through section of the parking lot and to reserve the front sign 1 week before the event.* Ms. Chatterjee will send the final announcement to the School e-notices.* Ms. Snegach will post on the Town Website and the Town Facebook page.* Ms. Klevens noted that Dartmouth Toxic Metals offered to provide copies of a handout on the new 5 ppb Arsenic MCL and Magnets for the “Arsenic and You” website for residents who attend the event.* Ms. Chatterjee will confirm pickup of sample kits and drop-off with the State Lab.* Members discussed volunteer shifts for the event. The followup info session will be held on July 15, 5 to 7 pm as a Conference Call-In, but we will retain the reservation at the Baker Free Library as well.

Mr. Culberson

Submit a proposed testing schedule and costs for Sodium, Chloride and Conductivity monitoring for the Production Wells to the Town Manager for approval - *Continued*. Ms. Klevens discussed the latest annual monitoring results for the Observation Wells (see meeting packet). Chloride was reduced 35% in OW-6 from ~490 to 320 mg/L, from 2019 to 2020, bringing it back 2013-2014 levels. Sodium levels did not change as much, likely because it is less mobile in the environment compared to chloride. Ms Waskin will consult with NHDES Road Salt Reduction Program to better understand these monitoring trends.*

Ms. Waskin

- Review water conservation ordinances in other municipalities - *Completed*.

Ms. Waskin cited a new state statute on drought protection measures for municipalities and public water systems. Members discussed the role of the Town in imposing such regulations, and guidance that could be issued to privately owned community wells and private domestic wells, either as proactive or reactive measures to a state declared drought such as occurred in 2008. Ms. Waskin will draft a letter informing of the State Drought Regulations to the Town Manager / Selectboard for review at the June meeting.*

- Review Bow's Emergency Management Plan for measures on Drought Management – *Continued.*

Ms. Snegach

- Post the 2020 SWP Activities Table on the Town Website - *Completed.*

3. OLD BUSINESS

Bow Municipal Wells Large GW Withdrawal Permit Renewal

Ms Klevens informed that the package was submitted to NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau Mr. Andrew Koff and the permit was renewed for 10 years (see meeting packet). The withdrawal rate is unchanged. Backup well source 002 was added and continued water quality monitoring for sodium and chloride is recommended. The next renewal is due in 2030.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Member Term Renewals and Call for New Members

Ms. Klevens thanked Ms. Waskin and Ms. Chatterjee for renewing their terms and welcomed Ms. Vachon as our newest member recently confirmed by the Selectboard. She also thanked Mr. Kraybill for his long service on the Committee as his resignation was effective May 1st. Ms. Klevens informed that Mr. Noel Gourley / Town DPW representative will no longer be serving on the committee but Contract Operator, Chris Culberson of WhiteWater would serve as liaison to the DPW. We thank Mr. Gourley for his many years of service to the Committee; he will be missed.

Virtual Water Information Session July 15, 5-7 pm

The Annual Water Testing flyer includes the announcement for the followup Water Info Session / Conference Call-in on July 15, 5 to 7 pm. The session is open to everyone whether they test their well or not. It will be posted on the Town Website also.

Next Meeting – **June 1, 2020 at 5:30 pm.** Future discussion topics were discussed.
Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.