



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, January 26, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: VIRTUAL

Signature: Sue Croft

Attendees – Steve Gang, Ashley Ochs, Helen Bethell, Melissa Flinn, Sue Croft

MINUTES

- **Review appointment of Task Force members – Select Board to choose 6 At Large members at their Feb 7 meeting**

All required representatives from all required boards have been identified and approved. The Select Board and current Task Force members both continue to try and recruit the additional 6 At-Large volunteers. Steve Gang has been in contact with two very promising candidates. One candidate works for the DEP and one is an engineer. Both additions would be very beneficial to the Task Force.

- **Finalize web content for WRPTF web page – draft has been circulated**

The first round of edits to the web content will be submitted by the EOD Wed 1/26 at which point Sue Croft will make the appropriate changes and work with the Town's communication specialist to get the content posted to the Task Force webpage.

- **Review potential ways to raise awareness and engage interest among public:**
 - **Survey** – discussed pros/cons of surveying community early to understand knowledge and interest of the community vs. educating community prior to surveying. Survey will not be sent out until Advisory Board has had an opportunity to provide input. Ideally, the survey will go out via email at no/little cost if the Task Force can get some kind of Town email list. Sue Croft will look into this. Also, reviewed some potential questions to be used in the survey.
 - **Public meeting/forum** – these will be done on an as needed basis.
 - **Tours of Gravelly Pond WTP & Lincoln Street Well** – The Task Force is currently working with the DPW to get tours of WTP/LSW on the calendar. Although these will be open to the public the Task Force hopes to educate themselves first and then have a follow up tour of which the public can then be the focus.

- **Hosted hikes in watershed(s)** – These will be scheduled when the weather is warmer. The intent is to familiarize Task Force members and the community with the watershed areas to increase interest.

- **Confirm date for kick-off meeting**

A survey will be sent out to all Task Force members to determine individuals' availability at certain times during the period between Feb 9th and the 16th. A kick-off meeting invitation will be forthcoming once the date that suits most members has been determined.

- **Discuss/finalize agenda and preparation for kick-off meeting**

The primary goals of the kick-off meeting will be to set expectations including roles, responsibilities, how often to meet, etc. The meeting also needs to specify what background preparation is needed to bring Task Force members up to speed on MBTS water situation (1990 Horsley Whitten report until now). Facilities tours (WTP/LSW) are expected to be part of the preparation as well.

- **Other items not reasonably anticipated when this agenda was written**

There was some discussion at the beginning of the meeting about rising PFA levels at the LSW. Monthly reports are being distributed and it was requested that the Task Force gain access to those monthly reports. Sue Croft will work with Town staff to get access to those reports.

Also discussed having Greg Federspiel give an update on the rising PFA levels in the LSW to the Task Force either written or by joining the next meeting and discuss what the Town's plan is to remediate. Sue Croft will work with him to get an update and information.

Also along the lines of PFA levels, the question was raised as to when we might engage Scott Horsley to help with this issue and how we might be able to pay him for his services once engaged. Sue Croft to follow up on that as well.