



HARVARD WATER - SEWER COMMISSION

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Meeting Held Remotely Pursuant Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023

Cindy Russo, Chair Kyle Hedrick Richard Maiore

Present

Cindy Russo, Chair; Kyle Hedrick, Commissioner; Rick Maiore, Commissioner (joined late); Tim Bragan, Town Administrator.

1. Cindy called the meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.
2. The Minutes of May 24, 2023 were approved without correction.
3. Tim reported that both wells are on line and Small Water Systems of Littleton is operating the system and all is going well. We are now able to rescind the outside watering ban. Kyle moved that we rescind the outdoor watering ban and the motion passed unanimously. (Kyle and Cindy voting, Rick not yet present.)

On a related matter, Pat Jennings has asked Kyle about re-activating the outdoor fountain was turned off because of Covid and then because of the outdoor water ban. Kyle asked Tim K about this. Tim K said his concern is insufficient staff to clean it on a regular basis. Tim B said that there is no reason not to turn it back on and he will see that it is done.

4. Envision homes has inquired about connecting the property at 24 Bolton Road to the water system. Tim said that no property has connected in many years and the procedure and fee are uncertain. We need to make certain that the connection can't be extended to additional continuous properties as this is the last property in the district. Kyle moved that we approve connection of the property to the water system for a single family home contingent upon the granting of a permit from DPW.

5. Nick Boynton of 5 Old Littleton Road followed up on his request to renovate and connect his barn discussed at the May 24 meeting by forwarding to Tim an email from the chair of the Historic Commission. Cindy noted that the Commission had suggested that a statement from the Historic Commission that the improvements would be in the best interests of the town might support the request but had not committed to approve the connection. She suggested that we would need a letter to us from the Historic Commission saying that they had voted that improvements to this particular barn were historically important and would be in the best interests of the town. Rick agreed that the Historic Commission would need to take the lead on this. Tim B pointed out that there are many barns in the historic/sewer district that could be in the same situation.

6. Tim B reported that the connection to Devens project is moving along well. The plan is to use land that is part of Devens for the building. Discussions with the railroad are proceeding well. Mark Lanza has reviewed the legal requirements and insurance requirements are being addressed. The Commission will vote on some of the details at a future meeting. Rick inquired regarding the schedule. Tim reported that it is moving along nicely and expects that we will meet deadlines. He thinks we will be starting construction in the spring of next year with a 7-10 month construction process.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55.