

Water Subcommittee Meeting

8/2/2016
11:00 AM to 11:55 AM
Utilities Department Conference Room

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Additional Information

Observers: None

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N. Mottafian called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM.

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Discussion: None.		
Conclusions:		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Water Ban/Drought Management	Vicki	45
<p>Discussion: V. Halmen provided a status update on the drought conditions, expressed the need for demand to return to winter levels. A reverse 911 was sent to all residents on 7/29/16. Enforcement of the ban was discussed, all agreed it needed to increase. It was agreed that the Police Department should conduct overnight patrols to locate violators and report back to the Water Department to then issue warnings. The Water Dept. will monitor meter data to locate potential violators. It was clarified that upon the second verified violation, the water would be shut off to the property. V. Halmen will check with the Health Director regarding possible concern over habitation without domestic water. The timing of the turn on was questioned. Should it be within 24 or 48 hours or other?</p>		
<p>V. Halmen will discuss the situation in detail with the Fire Chief. If demand exceeds our supply, system pressure will drop, reducing firefighting ability. Discuss potential options with the Chief, drafting from ponds, tankers.</p>		
<p>D. Standley inquired if physical systems were in place to draw from the Salem/Beverly system. V. Halmen stated that Ipswich has an interconnection with Hamilton and perhaps Hamilton has a connection to Salem/Beverly. She also explained that DEP approval would be required and possibly trigger an inter-basin transfer issue. V. Halmen will inquire with DEP. B. Craft mentioned speaking with state legislators to assist in the matter.</p>		
<p>It was understood that the Master Plan to be developed would include a long range plan to address drought management. Wastewater reuse, which was studied several years ago, would also be considered in the long range plan. We are currently restricted by the small surface water reservoir system. We have no available storage options to maintain a reserve during drought conditions.</p>		
<p>B. Craft felt that the regulations should be changed to increase the fees for water to be turned back on to violators once we hit the stage 5 drought (drought emergency). Clarification of the time to turn water back on to violators is needed.</p>		
Conclusions:		
Action items: Reach out to Health Director, Fire Chief, DEP, and Police Chief.	Person responsible: V. Halmen	Deadline: ASAP

Other Business**All****5**

Discussion: None.

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Additional Information

B. Craft moved to adjourn, M. Dougherty seconded. Vote unanimous in favor. Meeting adjourned 12:15 PM.