WAYLAND WELLHEAD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES (#56, BY J.RILEY)

FEBRUARY 11, 2010

Attendance: Sherre Greenbaum, Kurt Tramposch, Jennifer Riley, Water Supt Don Millette10:10-10:45am

Location: Wayland Town Building, School Committee Room, 41 Cochituate Rd.

Meeting convened at 9:20am

Discussion of RFR from DEP for Clean Water Act 604(b) water quality study: S. Greenbaum reports on application process. Committee concludes the process is too arduous to pursue. K. Tramposch also voiced concerns that application encouraged WPC to narrow the focus of committee's interest in issue of salt usage and contamination.

Salt Study: KT suggests we collaborate with ConCom, BoH, and SWQC on a project to evaluate and monitor salt usage and salt contamination of drinking water and Sudbury River. Commercial sector is heaviest salt user; liability-driven. Plant fertilizers and water softeners are also implicated in salt contamination, and salt in the Sudbury River may be making mercury in aquifer sediment bio-available, affecting food chain. WPC/DPW can do own water sampling using lab at Baldwin Plant. SG suggests WPC sponsor a forum in the fall to present findings and educate public about sources of salt pollution and abatement methods. KT will compose draft list of questions for survey of major salt users in town.

Don MIllette reports on Baldwin Plant: Koch is testing iron/manganese removal today. DEP inspection is next week. System will come on line gradually. Expects that by April D. DeNatale will be able to conduct testing at Happy Hollow wells.

DM said he would order model aquifer this afternoon. He reports that Don Ouellette had positive response to WPC's idea for salt study. He also hopes to update website very soon; asked WPC for ideas to include. JR suggests we look at Westford Water Dept. website.

SG will contact BoH to confirm WPC on meeting agenda for March to discuss need to adopt floor drain regulation which is necessary for renewal of water permit from DEP in 2011.

KT reports on Planning Board hearing on new high school in which mention was made of a staging area to include refueling for construction vehicles. Will this be upgradient from Dudley Brook (and HH wells)? May need to follow up with HSBC.

Meeting Minutes Approval: KT motion, JR second, voted 3-0 to approve minutes of Jan. 7, 2010

Next Meeting: TBD (February 25 or February 26, 9:00am.)

Meeting adjourned 11:35am (SG motion, JR second, voted 3-0).

(Minutes voted approved Feb 26, 2010)