WAYLAND WELLHEAD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES (#60, by L. Segal)

April 15, 2010

Attendance: Sherre Greenbaum, Jennifer Riley, Tom Sciacca, Kurt Tramposch, Linda Segal, Water Superintendent Don Millette (until 10:20 a.m.)
Location: Wayland Town Building, School Committee Room, 41 Cochituate Rd.

Meeting convened at 9:10 a.m.

Update from D. Millette: Office is preparing press release for May 1 Baldwin open house, 9-11 a.m. Rain barrels for purchase, info handouts. Happy Hollow wells have been off line since March 17 due to flooding. Floor damage in chemical building, no electrical damage. DEP requires bacteria sampling before resuming use of wells. Baldwin in running & manned 24/7. Need 30 continuous days of smooth operations before DEP will authorize plant running unmanned; they've been fine-tuning ozone. In contact with Doug DeNatale to coordinate HH spring sampling. Higher groundwater (4 to 5 feet) than usual not expected to affect his work. T. Sciacca asked if HH closure contributed to flooding in Rolling Lane area. About 20 homes damaged, one condemned. Glacial layers; clay lens over part of Rolling Lane & at high school. Costs $700/week to rent a pump. L. Segal suggested the town purchase a pump for emergency response ($20K cost). K. Tramposch reported that a town's chief elected official (Nolan) is technically in charge. Chief Irving is director of emergency response operations. T. Sciacca recommended Doug DeNatale to the BOPW (separately L. Segal tried to do same to the BOS) at the Monday 4/12 meeting, given Doug's expertise & familiarity with Wayland; his contract could be broadened to study flooding anomalies to create predictive formulas for future floods. T. Sciacca informally got a quote; his email to Town Administrator awaits action. Once Happy Hollow wells resume, after Doug performs sampling, town may begin modified hydrant flushing. K. Tramposch suggested that environmental compliance be part of a job description, provided sample, could cover all DPW departments. D. Millette estimates he spends 20% of his time on it. Town warned by DEP recently regarding protecting zone II areas shared with other towns. D. Millette has sent "best efforts" letter to Framingham and Sudbury.

Wellhead Protection Plan: S. Greenbaum reported that Rebekah McDermott will meet with us to discuss completing our plan; consider adding emergency responsibilities to WPP.

Floor Drain Regulations: WPC to meet with Board of Health on April 27. Prep materials about floor drain regs were already sent to the BOH. During flooding, L. Segal networked with BOH about informing all private well owners to have their well tested because DEP assumes those covered by flood waters are contaminated. Discussed strategy for opening dialogue about private wells with BOH members. BOH is regulatory authority given health connection. Concern if private wells are too close to town wells. K. Tramposch tasked with creating outline about opening topic of private wells for BOH discussion.

Drinking Water Week – May 3-8 "Only Tap Water Delivers": L. Segal reported on various ideas from New England Water Works Association binder. Consensus to have a public education program with certificates awarded to "water wizards" during next school year; need elementary school contact. Will distribute handout re smart water use at May 1 Baldwin Open House; include Riverfest promo. Consensus on sponsoring an "Adopt a Hydrant" campaign in the fall (special town meeting signups). S. Greenbaum made a motion, second by K. Tramposch, for L. Segal to submit PSA to WayCam and issue press release for Town Crier News Brief. Voted 5-0.

Miscellaneous: K. Tramposch announced several upcoming conferences/meetings of interest. Will follow-up by sending info electronically. Nothing new regarding June Riverfest event. Waiting for invoice from Mass Audubon. After the meeting, K. Tramposch & T. Sciacca will do preliminary cutting back of invasives along roadway leading to Old Town Bridge. S. Greenbaum to give Brian Monahan a hard of the WPC letter to ConCom for high school project construction hearing and will copy Lea Anderson.

Meeting minutes approval: S. Greenbaum made the motion, T. Sciacca second, to approve March 11 meeting minutes. Voted 4-0. March 23 minutes held for next meeting.

Next meetings: Friday, April 16, 2010 at 3:15 p.m. Old Town Bridge cleanup postponed again due to rain. Instead, will meet at Baldwin for training on new model aquifer. April 27 evening meeting with BOH. May 1 at 9 a.m. Baldwin plant Open House. Next regular meeting May 6, 9 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. (J. Riley motion, T. Sciacca second, voted 5-0)

(Minutes voted approved April 27, 2010)