WAYLAND WELLHEAD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES (#74, by L. Segal)

September 1, 2010

Attendance: Sherre Greenbaum, Jennifer Riley, Linda Segal, Kurt Tramposch,
Bruce Young MassRWA (10 a.m.)
Location: School Committee Meeting Room, 41 Cochituate Rd., Wayland, MA

Meeting convened at 9:10 a.m.

Sanitary survey: WPC members reviewed content. Questions regarding recommendations were postponed until next meeting with water superintendent.

Salt data: While reviewing annual water quality reports, WPC seeks understanding about difference between testing for chloride vs. sodium. K. Tramposch to seek more info from water supt. & to analyze a decade of salt data reported to public.

Sept. 13 WPC on agenda to meet with BOPW: WPC discussed what materials to provide to the BOPW. Discussion topics will be Phase II findings & recommendations, concerns about salt increases in water supply, floor drain regulation through either BOH regs or non-zoning bylaw to achieve full DEP compliance.

USTs: L. Segal to check with Chief Loomer on outcome of EPA required UST testing & to get updated list. Will ask if Chief is aware of upcoming 3 day UST conference in Boston. Most UST issues stem from commercial uses, e.g. gas stations. Personal consumption (home fuel) exempt. Goals include removing all USTs in zone I, educating homeowners, post all USTs data onto GIS.

MassRWA consultant Bruce Young: Discussed action steps and initial timeline for completing Wellhead Protection Plan. Work product likely to be more than 100 pages, with maps, photos, plans, charts, etc. Bruce prefers to prepare 5 different plans and one overview, to correspond with 5 wellhead sites (total of 8 different wells). Goal is to identify potential threats within zones I and II, create management strategies to address them, have a detailed emergency contingency plan prepared. WPC lent Bruce three volumes of Tata & Howard's Emergency Response Plan dated Dec. 2009. L. Segal reported on June 2010 PCBs release at Route 30 Wayland Nursing Home based on reports posted on DEP website. Transformer belongs to NStar. PCBs should have been removed & replaced already by mineral or vegetable (preferred) oil. Bruce suggested WPC contact NStar to find out where other PCB-laden transformers would be. K. Tramposch reported seeing old transformers stored at Old Landfill on Route 20 that could have PCBs. S. Greenbaum will provide sanitary survey and Earth Tech's Phase II study to Bruce electronically. WPC authorized Bruce to contact D. DeNatale directly with questions. WPC discussed site visit to the wells with Bruce, starting with Happy Hollow. Bruce gave Granby as example of a wellhead protection committee that continues to exist after plan's completion in order to ensure implementation, public education, outreach. WPC to invite residents living in zones I and II to a public meeting, relying on GIS to generate mailing list. Suggested looking to local colleges for volunteer interns to help WPC; also high school for students needing to do community service. Plan educational programs, e.g. repeat "suffering septic" BOH forum years ago, septic cleaning program, events specific

to local neighborhoods, apply for grants that require homeowner/town participation, partner with garden centers who store high concentrations of agricultural products offering help with floor drains & spill kits, with horse stables check on livestock pharmaceuticals (BOH already regulates manure). Salt: can apply for designated low salt use areas with signage (MassDOT violates, claiming emergency), Environmental Working Group issued Memo re salt, Mass. has highest rate of salt use on roads & at this rate N.E. eventually will have no drinkable water. Bruce expects to set up docs on a google site (w/o comments). Check with D. Millette on $300 membership paid to MRWA; they offer trainings, leak detection, has one main office w/11 staff, needs to complete our plan before Sept. 2011.

WaterSense photo contest: Discuss with Tom at next meeting. End September deadline.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 16, 2010, 9 a.m.

Meeting Minutes Approval: K. Tramposch motioned to approve WPC meeting minutes of August 20 and 26, 2010. J. Riley second, voted approved (4-0).

Adjournment: S. Greenbaum made motion to adjourn, J. Riley second, voted approved (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

(minutes approved on October 14, 2010)