WAYLAND WELLHEAD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES (#70, by L. Segal)

August 2, 2010

Attendance: Sherre Greenbaum, Jennifer Riley, Tom Sciacca, Linda Segal, Kurt Tramposch, Water Superintendent Don Millette (until 9:45 a.m.)
Location: School Committee Meeting Rm, Wayland Town Building, 41 Cochituate Rd., Wayland, MA
Meeting convened at 9:10 a.m.

Water Superintendent's report: D. Millette reported on watering ban. Tank water levels are improving but still pumping 24/7 to keep up with demand. HH closed a few times. Current ban will likely be in effect until the end of summer. First enforcement step is a warning letter, second offense can result in a fine. Regarding recent questions re WPC committee function, D. Millette confirmed WPC has always functioned smoothly reporting to water superintendent and added that it's important for wellhead protection committees to be independent. WPC asked to be copied on 2009 Annual Statistical Report. Still waiting on Earth Tech's Phase II report; not in DPW office. T. Sciacca concerned about increasing salt concentrations in water quality report (3x in recent years). D. Millette (OK'd by DPW Director) approved WPC moving forward with MassRWA Bruce Young working with WPC to complete Wayland's **Wellhead Protection Plan** at no charge, with D. Millette as contact person. MassRWA $300 membership fee not a problem; water division is already member of various similar organizations. Value of MassRWA work product estimated up to $25K. For security reasons, locations of wellheads cannot be posted on websites. WPC members asked D. Millette questions about use of HH zone I sand pit for storing high school project construction debris. Facilities Director John Moynihan got permission from DPW Director to do so. DEP's Jim Dillon took note of site issues during earlier sanitary survey visit & will return in September. Soils, gravel, curbing, pipe, asphalt, creosote timbers, other rubble are showing up in the pit. Grassy area also excavated out to create more storage room. Construction vehicles driving in/out of zone I.

Website update: WPC members offered suggestions to draft of desired webpage content, e.g. clear categories, K. Tramposch to send a few **salt study** links and DEP & EPA links re wellhead protection committees to L. Segal. Chairman will keep updating draft. J. Riley suggested using full names instead of acronyms to be more user-friendly.

Meeting with BOPW: WPC to be given 30 minutes agenda time to meet with BOPW on August 9. WPC discussed proposed agenda and what materials to prepare for BOPW reading packet before meeting. S. Greenbaum to walk thru docs provided to BOPW in advance. Treasurer to describe our budget: $5K annual for public education, water division $$ funded Earth Tech, grants efforts, etc. K. Tramposch to describe why WPP is needed: info from DEP & EPA & cost of Rockport's plan. Chairman also reported on her meeting with Fred, John S. and Don O. re restoration of WPC webpage & clearing air on misconceptions.

Nyanza: EPA public comment period closes August 26. ConCom may submit comments on proposed solution. RSC likely to ask EPA to do no harm but six inch sand layer not likely to help. Dry dredging not ideal either: creates soil & air exposure pathways. K. Tramposch mentioned siphoning; still believes it's important to comment about location of Wayland wells

along river; EPA required to respond on the record. Comments from WPC members as private citizens only.

FY11 DEP drinking water grant: S. Greenbaum reported on working with town surveyor & GIS coordinator to correct zone I maps. Need accurate info to apply for DEP grant for zone I protection. Resident has reported that after clearing trees, DPW plans to install fencing around town water tank on Reeves Hills. Bay Circuit Trail crosses through Baldwin zone I, with website instructions to ignore Water Dept. signage. Not OK. K. Tramposch to touch base with Lawrence Morris about it. L. Segal suggested Larry Kiernan as a backup. Need to understand process for marking trails and what trail folks would recommend.

Public education: S. Greenbaum arranged for WPC to have a table at Russells Farmers' Market on Wednesday, September 29 from noon to 5 p.m. Plan to display Aquifer Model & distribute handouts, etc. WPC members to share time working at the table.

Meeting Minutes Approval: T. Sciacca motion, J. Riley second, minutes for July 15, 2010 meeting were approved, voted 5-0.

Next Meetings: Monday, August 9, 2010 with BOPW, time TBD.
Monday, August 23, 2010 at 9 a.m.

Adjournment: S. Greenbaum moved to adjourn, K. Tramposch seconded, voted approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

(minutes approved on August 16, 2010)