

**West Groton Water Supply District**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting**  
**April 13, 2021**

Commissioner Blood opened the meeting @ 7:04 p.m. reading a statement that in accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, the meeting is open to the public and the public is welcome to attend; however, the purpose of the meeting is to efficiently conduct and stay focused on the business of the District. Individuals are not permitted to disrupt the meeting and should refrain from comment. Anyone wishing to comment must be recognized by the Chair. If anyone has a matter to discuss with the Board, they should notify the Clerk or Manager 4 days in advance of the meeting to be placed on the Agenda. The following persons were in attendance:

Robert Blood, Doug DeNatale, Emmett Risdon, Commissioners  
Paul W. Curtin, General Manager

**Review of the Monthly Minutes:** The March 2021 Monthly Minutes were approved and accepted.

**Review of Monthly Invoices/Treasurer's Report:** The March 2021 invoices were approved and accepted.

**Review of Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet:** The Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for July 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021 were approved and accepted.

**Any Other Business:**

The Annual Meeting will be held outdoors on June 15, 2021. The warrant will include language for the possibility of rescheduling due to weather.

Leak detection was completed and no leaks were found.

The CCR is completed and has been sent out.

The monitoring wells have been drilled. They were unable to get any in on the Kanniard property, and the one on the Kauppi land was dry. Locations of the successfully installed wells were reviewed and discussed.

A district member shared information that H&V controls the dam at Townsend Harbor. Paul will use USGS to check the water levels and reach out to H&V to be notified when the dam will be opened.

Doug shared that the surveyor formally located in Ayer is still in business, but relocated to Harvard.

There was some discussion about doing the pumping contours at Townsend Road when the Town Forest well is offline for cleaning.

The Commissioners discussed the property at 331 Townsend Road and if it would benefit the District to inquire about purchasing the open field. We are uncertain how the lot is divided, and the homeowner has raised some concerns regarding how we would use the property in the future in the event he did sell, as well as how dividing the lot would impact his property value. He is open to discussion and consideration. At this point, we will look into what can currently be done with that property / zone 1 restrictions. Paul will contact the Planning Board to help us gather information, and set up a site visit with the Planning Board and the homeowner. If we need further information once that is done, we will contact our attorney to assist. Doug shared that the Water Supply Protection Grant Program could possibly cover up to 50% of the purchase price of the property. Other options to consider are purchasing a

Right of First Refusal on the property, or purchasing a Restriction on the property. The grant program likely would not cover those options.

As there was no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting @ 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn M. Priest

Clerk/Treasurer