**Shutesbury Water Resources Committee**

**Minutes from October 19, 2015**

**Members Present:**

Paul Lyons, Acting Chair (and recording)

Mark Rivers

Al Werner

Nancy McGarigal

Tim Cook

Meeting opened at 6:35 pm

1. Minutes from the May 11, 2015 meeting will be review at the November meeting.
2. Member update

* Paul reminded committee members of the requirement to complete the online mandatory ethics training by the end of December. The training can be accessed at: [www.mass.gov/ethics/conflict-of-interest-law-online-training-programs.html](http://www.mass.gov/ethics/conflict-of-interest-law-online-training-programs.html)
* Paul notified committee members that he plans to wrap up his stint as committee chair in January, 2016, and that we might consider instituting a rotating chairmanship for the committee.
* Mike Ross is likely to have conflicts with Monday meetings for the coming year. The committee discussed the possibility of changing to another night, but problems seemed to arise with that effort. It was decided to stay with the second Monday of the month, at least for the November meeting, when we’ll continue discussion on this matter.

1. Special guest

Dave Reckhow, from the Water Innovation Network for Sustainable Small Systems (WINSSS) at UMass Amherst met with the committee to explain the purpose, goals and activities of WINSSS. Dave has expertise in drinking water treatment, and will be working with researchers at both UMass and other institutions to test and apply new water treatment technologies geared towards relatively small public water supply systems.

Much of the discussion centered around if and how a town like Shutesbury might be able to take advantage of the services that the new Network will be offering. Unfortunately, those opportunities will likely be limited, although Dave did say that if Shutesbury does consider building a municipal water supply system in the future (e.g., in the Lake Wyola area), there may be opportunities for collaboration.

Committee members thanked Dave for his time, and Nancy agreed to look into getting him a Shutesbury mug or other small token of appreciation.

1. Future Directions

* The members discussed possible future directions for the WRC, which included more emphasis on water quality monitoring, greater focus on Lake Wyola, and impacts from road salt.
* Tim mentioned that his school will soon be acquiring equipment that could provide a means of water quality analysis. He will keep us posted.
* Tim also noted that Dave Reckhow had mentioned the Massachusetts Environmental Trust (MET) as a possible funding source for water-related research. We should keep this in mind for future project funding.
* It would be desirable to generate a map of private well locations – especially those close to town roads on which salt is applied. Paul will try to locate the map and data that he had generated several years ago when he started a well mapping project with another town resident.
* It’s time to think about deploying the two conductivity meters that we have available to us. It was generally agreed that we should deploy one at the town line on Leverett Road, and the other someplace upstream and away from that road (perhaps near the culvert crossing on Montague Road). Al, Tim and Paul (and maybe April) will check out possible locations.

1. Next Meeting – November 9, 2015

Potential topics:

* + - Meeting schedule discussion (continued)
    - Well Project Update
    - Conductivity meter deployment update
    - Future direction of WRC committee (continued)

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