

TOWN OF BOW

Drinking Water Protection Committee

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MINUTES February 7, 2022

Bow Drinking Water Committee held its regular meeting on February 7, 2022 at 5:30 PM in Room C at 10 Grandview Road in Bow. Members present were: Tom O'Donovan (Chair), Cynthia Klevens, and Chris Dunbar. Jordan Vachon and Steve Cheney, Whitewater Rep were participating via Zoom. Madhumita Chatterjee was absent.

APPROVAL OF January 10, 2022 MEETING

Minutes were approved as presented after a motion by Ms. Klevens and a duly second by Mr. Dunbar.

Mr. O'Donovan noted that Wendy Waskin has submitted her notice of resignation from the Committee, with hopes to return once she is back in NH. Members expressed gratitude to Ms. Waskin for her years of volunteer service on the Committee.

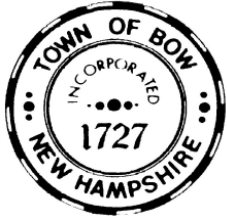
2) FROM LAST MEETING / OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Klevens

- Update on Bow High School opportunities (data sharing, mentoring, etc.) and reach out to Ms. Mitchell to invite her to a future meeting. – **Continued.**
- Provide a source water protection plan update, and update on the BDWPC email.

Mr. O'Donovan

- Reserve library space for the outreach event. – **Completed.**
- Mr. O'Donovan will write a corresponding letter to the editor to accompany the article.- **Completed**
Mr. O'Donovan said that he also spoke to the Bow Times editor and he was interested to receive more articles from the Committee on water related issues.
- Contact DPW Director to recommend continued annual green SnowPro training. – **Continued.**
- Attend the next monthly Water Operator meeting with the Town Manager Contact DPW.- **Continued.**
- Prep for May AWWA Drinking Water Week, 1-7 May 2022 (Reserve Library display space and room, etc.)
Members discussed the preparation for the event. Mr. Dunbar will look into printing the version of the information stand the committee prepared in the past (pictures of which were sent to the Committee)*, while Ms. Vachon will try to locate the files for the materials needed for the printing.*
- Update on Town planning for hookups to Concord and / or Hooksett.- **Completed.**
Members discussed the latest developments and by consensus agreed that the Committee's stance on the North Bow water extension is that Concord interconnection should be the preferred option as it is the least impactful and costly.
- Update on Annual calendar.
Members agreed to invite Amy Hudnor, NHDES Private Well Outreach Coordinator, to the March meeting (via Zoom);
- Report of NEWEA Conference.
Mr. O'Donovan provided an update on his attendance of the Conference and showed the Commission a flyer for a photometer for water testing that he found interesting. Discussion ensued about the accuracy of



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such test results, associated costs, and possible applications if the Committee was able to purchase one with the help of fundraising. Mr. O'Donovan agreed to contact the sales representative to find out more about the photometer.*

Mr. Cheney / Whitewater Co. Representative

- Share additional historical data on sodium, chloride, conductivity, and manganese testing for municipal wells.

Mr. Cheney said that WhiteWater is in the process of migrating its data and it is quite difficult to find things at this point. He noted that he was not able to find much going back either. Committee asked Mr. Cheney to see if WhiteWater could consistently test for sodium, chloride, and manganese (once a month) and conductivity (once a week) as the Committee is trying to find out if there is seasonal variability in the results to further investigate the sources. Ms. Klevens also suggested that Mr. Cheney could check with the labs for past results. **Continued.**

- Notify the Committee when all BMP Inspections have been completed.

Mr. Cheney said that LineX was still the only one left and that the owner was not cooperating. Committee discussed its options and Mr. Cheney said that he will speak to the Town Manager to see if the Town could be of assistance. **Continued.**

Mr. Dunbar

- Take a closer look at the BHS data to investigate ways to present it. – **Continued**

Mr. Dunbar talked about the map he was able to generate using the BHS data and members discussed whether it was a good representation of the data or if other ways to present it should be looked at. Mr. Dunbar will keep working with the data.*

- Idea about group to offer guidance on water treatment to do-it-yourselfers.

An idea about building an DIY assembly for an arsenic filter/cartridge was discussed along with funding for materials. Mr. O'Donovan will email Community Development Director with a proposed budget for the project which should not exceed \$200.*

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- Review the newly created website tab “Additional Resources for Municipal and Private Well Owners” and provide feedback. – **Continued.**

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Klevens talked about the 4th Grade Water Science Fair which will be happening on May 3-, 2022 and about the New England Water Works Association (NEWWA) scholarships and apprenticeship opportunities to future water works professionals.

Next Meeting – **March 7, 2022 at 5:30 pm.** Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.