

CONDUCTORLAB OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
JUNE 28, 2021
MINUTES

Chairman Hanninen called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm in the Town Hall

Members present: Robert Hanninen, Michelle Collette, and Mark Deuger

Others present: Maria Kaouris of Honeywell (participating remotely via Zoom)
LSP Kim Henry of Wood, representing Honeywell
Sewer Commissioners Jim Gmeiner and Tom Orcutt
Robert Rafferty of Environmental Partners, engineer for the Sewer Commission
Groton resident Judy Anderson

PROGRESS REPORT

Ms. Kaouris thanked the Committee for meeting to discuss progress at the Conductorlab site. She reported that on-going surface water issues in 2020 have prevented closure of the site.

Ms. Kaouris also announced that she would be retiring this year (2021). However, she may continue to be involved as a consultant to Honeywell.

LSP Kim Henry presented Power Point slides entitled, "Conductorlab, 2021 Update," dated June 28, 2021. The document is available on the Town's website at:

https://portal.grotonma.gov/storage/Conductorlab_Oversight_Committee/Conductorlab_Presentation_2021-06-28.pdf

Ms. Henry described the Zero Valent Iron (ZVI) injections conducted in June 2020, the Ecological Risk Characterization Preliminary Findings, the Human Health Risk Characterization Preliminary Findings, and the Remaining Tasks to Achieve Permanent Solution." (See slides)

Member Deuger asked if the groundwater elevation data was correlated with the surface water data. Ms. Henry said the stream flow is variable so there is a fluctuation in the concentrations. She said there is a seasonal fluctuation and with a spike of Cr⁶ in September 2020 that could not be explained. New testing was done in June 2021. It appears that the Cr⁶ are elevated in dry periods when there is less dilution in the unnamed brook.

Ms. Henry said they hope to have a permanent solution by late 2021 or early 2022 including Activity and Use Limitation (AUL) deed restrictions. Member Collette recommended that the draft AUL's be reviewed by Town Counsel. Ms. Kaouris agreed.

Member Deuger asked if there was a water leak in the past year. Ms. Henry said they will investigate the time frame of the water leak.

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Member Hanninen asked about the long-term monitoring of the PVI. Ms. Henry said this will must be addressed in the AUL.

SEWER DEPARTMENT ISSUES

Mr. Gmeiner said the Sewer Commission is going out to bid to install the sewer connection to the abutting property, 436 Main Street, Assessors' Parcel 110-33. Quotes are expected by the end of the week and work should begin in August 2021.

Mr. Rafferty confirmed that the bids will be open on July 15, 2021, so the work should begin in August 2021.

PENDING BUSINESS

Ms. Kaouris said Honeywell will be looking to sell the property once there is a permanent solution and the site is closed out.

Members agreed that the Committee should ask a consultant to do a peer review of the proposed permanent solution when it is submitted.

The Committee thanked Ms. Kaouris and Ms. Henry for the update.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee presently has two vacancies because Susan Horowitz and Stuart Schulman both moved out of Town. The Committee discussed whether it wanted to recommend that the Select Board reduce the number of members to three or keep the number at five. Committee members agreed that the number should be kept at five.

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The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Deuger, to approve the minutes of March 2, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
Member