

Meeting Minutes - Utility Advisory Committee

May 10, 2017

Present:

Chair: Andy Maron

Members: Ted Jones, Nancy Nolan, Jim Thrash, Emily Sato, Ted Jones, Jeff Kantor (Vice Chair)

Also Present: Public Works Director Barry Loveless, Roger Townsend, Bainbridge City Council; Robert Dashiell (for public comment), Debra Lester, KPUD Commissioner

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm
2. ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING NOTES - Meeting notes of April 19, 2017, were approved unanimously.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT – Debra Lester talked about KPUD; Robert Dashiell made comment about the delay in SSWM operating expenses efficiency study.
4. Meeting with Kitsap Health District – John Kiess, Environmental Health Director, Kitsap Public Health District.
 - a. Mr. Kiess discussed regulatory framework of oversight of water systems. Group A systems (15 connections or greater), are highly regulated by the State Department of Health (funded by the state); this covers approximately 92% of the population. Group B systems (3-14 connections) are largely deregulated after initial approval. Pursuant to local ordinance 1999-6 (adopted by Kitsap Public Health District Board of Directors), Group B systems are initially reviewed but not on an ongoing basis. Group B are privately owned, but subject to public regulation. There is a proposed new ordinance (to replace 1999-6) which would allow for the ongoing monitoring of the approximately 900 Group B systems in Kitsap County (approximately 144 of which are on Bainbridge). Presently, there is no legal requirement for a time of sale report for drinking water but that is under discussion. There is not solid evidence of reported arsenic levels that exceed the current standard (some are grandfathered in previously), but there are anecdotal stories and Group Bs are not required to disclose. There is no single known physical location for concerns about arsenic. Greater priorities are the potential for acute health problems associated with bacteria and nitrates and well head protection. There are also 18,000 private wells county-wide. There is potentially federal and state funding to offset the cost of consolidation of Group A systems or Group B into a Group A system, but there is not such funding available for consolidating Group B systems. .
5. 2017 WORK PLAN ITEMS – 5:40 pm.
 - a. Water/sewer rate structure study. No update.
 - b. SSWM operating expense study. Emily and Ted talked about historical studies and data received from Public Works.
 - c. Small water systems. No update.
 - d. Fire code impact on water systems. Jeff and Jim talked about their meeting with the city (Michael Michael) and current programs.
6. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER – 5 MIN. None
7. ADJOURNMENT 5:58 PM. Next meeting is May 31 and will be attended by a representative of the Kitsap PUD.



Andy Maron, Chair

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