



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by co-chair Andy Maron.

Members Present: Ted Jones, Andy Maron, Sheina Hughes, Nancy Nolan, Martin Pastucha

Members Absent: Charlie Averill, Emily Sato

Others Present: Public Works Director Chris Wierzbicki, Council Liaison Rasham Nassar, former member Jeff Kantor

Minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted.

Upcoming Water and Sewer Facility Tour:

A tour is planned for new members of the Council and the UAC. Suggested dates are January 11th and February 1st. Co-chair Andy Maron and Public Works Director Wierzbicki will also accompany the tour. The Public Works Director will follow up with new council members to determine which date works best for them.

Public Works Department Update

Lower Lovell Project: Chris discussed the Lower Lovell project which involves the movement of two sewer lines and construction and improvement of pump stations. The project is already built into the CIP. A consultant has already made a presentation the Committee and the Council concerning different possible options for accomplishing this project. A consultant will be hired to do the final design work. A brief discussion ensued about possible assessments on landowners for this very expensive project and the imposition of fees on new development in the area.

High School Road Reservoir Project: The tank design for the High School Road reservoir will be further reviewed this spring.

Hydrogeologist Position: Chris reported that the two-year temporary hydrogeologist position is still unfilled. Once the position is filled, the committee will discuss the scope of the groundwater management plan.

2019 Activity Report and 2020 Work Plan Memorandum:

The draft Report and Work Plan Memorandum was reviewed. Former member Jeff Kantor was recognized and noted that the 2020 Work Plan does not include further action on item #4 of the 2019 Activity Report, regarding the revision of the Fire Code to clarify the requirements for water systems attempting to upgrade their aging systems. It was proposed that the Memorandum be revised by adding a new paragraph C clarifying the recommendation that a stakeholder's committee be formed to assist in revising and clarifying the Fire Code, and that the UAC was waiting further direction from the Council. Several other typos and small clarifications were added to the Memorandum, and the Report and Plan Memorandum was unanimously approved as amended. Chair Maron will send a copy of the revised final Memorandum to members and the Council before the next meeting.

Small Water Systems:

The committee reviewed a newly updated City map containing locations of water systems and private wells on the Island. Members noted that some wells were not on the map.

The Public Works Director will invite Steve Brown of the Health District to attend a UAC meeting to discuss the following issues:

1. How much information the Health Department has about existing wells.
2. How the permitting process works for the drilling of new wells.
3. Whether there is a current process to establish if an application for a new well is within ¼ mile of an existing Group A system as suggested in the County's Coordinated Water System Plan.
4. Whether there is an enforcement mechanism for ensuring that obsolete wells are closed.



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Additionally, Public Works Director Wierzbicki will find and distribute a copy of the Legislative "fix" to the Hirst decision and will contact City Operations and Management director Chuck Krumheuer about addressing the committee at a future meeting to talk about the history of the City serving as an Satellite System Manager.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.


Co-Chair 01/08/20