

# Brookline Well and Water Committee Meeting Minutes

Location:	Zoom Meeting
Date:	05/20/2020
Time:	7:00 PM
Attendees:	Lindsay Machado, Rob Danckert, Buddy Dougherty
Absentees:	Jay Chrystal

## Agenda items

1. Approve Meeting Minutes from 04/08/2020
2. Discuss information / results of tasks from prior meeting
3. Discuss any new business

Discussed information **Rob** received regarding Pelham's well water ordinances. Pelham has an ordinance that requires the well to be drilled prior to receiving the building permit. The well must be put through a 24 hr. test and ensure that the well consistently yields 4 GPM in order to pass. Specific language to this ordinance is being researched. It was discussed that proposing such an ordinance in Brookline may be an option.

The group discussed that due to the pandemic, it would be a good idea to forego doing a town-wide, or even neighborhood specific well water survey. It is a lot of leg work that may not yield the turnout needed in order to accurately determine if the town has a problem. We plan to revisit the survey in the future.

As a result of forgoing the survey, the committee has updated the list of questions we endeavor to answer. The following is the updated list:

- **Are additional homes causing water issues?**
- **Should developers be required to submit a hydrogeologic study to show how development will impact nearby homes?**
- **Should the hydrogeological study be conducted at the same time test pits / surveying is done to assist with ideal well placement?**
- **Should restrictions be placed on how close homes should be to each other?**

- Are some towns more likely to develop water supply issues than others?
- Should a recommendation be made to the Planning Board regarding installing a community well for subdivisions of 3 or more?
- Would recommending that the wells be dug and tested for a 4GPM yield test for 24 hrs prior to a building permit being issued be advisable?

**Lindsay** had updated the group on some new information regarding a static water level monitoring device that her neighbor had purchased and is testing out. If the device works, she will be ordering one as well, and updating the committee on its efficacy.

**Buddy** had moved to nominate **Lindsay** for Committee Chair, and **Rob** for Vice Committee Chair, Seconded by **Rob**. Roll call vote in favor 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10pm