



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 1, 2023

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Norwell Water Dept.
345 Main Street, Norwell

Present: Fred St. Ours, Peter Dillon, Howard Tufts, and Water Superintendent
Jason Federico & Highway Superintendent Glenn Ferguson

Prepared by: Donna Snow

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting minutes from October 18th are postponed until the next meeting.

Highway:

The Board met with Glenn Ferguson; they discussed the paving work that is being done this week and other work he has completed. The reason for coming tonight is to request a funds transfer to Highway for materials that are taken from the yard and for materials brought into the yard. Glenn Ferguson requested \$15k this year but noted next year the request may increase as the cost to process materials is on the rise. Fred St. Ours moved to approve the \$15k from the Water Departments line-item budget, Peter Dillon seconded and all in favor at 5:19pm. Jason Federico will let the office know which line item in the budget he wants to use for the funds transfer.

Fords Crossing:

Jason Federico read a letter from the resident at 36 Fords Crossing and confirmed for the Board that the work will be done shortly. Two other hydrants need repair, one on South Street and one on River Street where the bottom fell off the hydrant during flushing. Jason Federico advised that another two service connections will be completed before the winter.

PFAS Update:

Peter Dillon talked to the DPH about cancer and PFAS; they have set up a task force for anyone that has questions. Peter Dillon shared the email with the Board of Health and Water office.

Flushing Update:

Jason Federico communicated by email to some residents on Tiffany Rd with flushing updates. Right now, from Tiffany to River Street flushing is complete all the way to Meadowbrook Rd. Tomorrow the staff will work on Barstow Ave. and Stetson, which covers Paradise Drive, Forest, Circuit, River to Town line and all the way to South Street to Pleasant St., including Pine Street. After tomorrow this entire section is done, and Jason Federico noted chlorine residuals are good with no yellow water. The last piece will be South St. from Pleasant to Main Street thru to Town Hall. Lastly Main Street from the Paradise tank to River Street will be done very early in the morning prior to the opening of some businesses. Jason Federico confirmed that using water while staff is actively flushing can be an issue

and is not recommended. A little over a third of the town has been done, the Water Department staff will continue in the spring with more flushing.

Unanticipated:

- Jason Federico mentioned that the leak at 447 Washington Street still exists, Peter Dillon advised the abatement was processed therefore another adjustment will not be made. The property owner was informed of the leak in a recent email Jason Federico sent.
- Jason Federico reviewed some of tonight's invoices from Iaria Brothers with both Fred St. Ours and Peter Dillon.
- 690 Main Street: The Board decided not to waive the penalty for this commercial account. Jason Federico will reach out to the Collectors office to find out if a cap can be set for penalty charges. Jason Federico will have the meter reader interrogate the meter here next week since the usage seems high.
- 253 Mt. Blue Street: The Board discussed this residential account that has not had a penalty since 2021. The Board approved reversing the penalty charge.
- Peter Dillon mentioned the cost to perform an 8-hour test for a bedrock well. Jason Federico will check the article balances for funding.
- Fred St. Ours asked Jason Federico about the Mass Water Resource Authority schedule, Jason Federico confirmed he is looking into it.

Fred St. Ours made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 PM, seconded by Peter Dillon.

Accepted: Fred St. Ours Date: 11/29/23