



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 6, 2023

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Norwell Water Dept.
345 Main Street, Norwell

Present: Fred St. Ours, Steve Ivas, Howard Tufts & Water Superintendent Jason Federico

Prepared by: Donna Snow

- *Peter Dillon was not present at tonight's meeting.*

Meeting Minutes:

F. St. Ours motioned to the approve meeting minutes from 3/16/23; S. Ivas seconded and all in favor at 4:46pm

River Street Water Main Break:

J. Federico advised that water shut off notices are needed for Monday to make another repair on River Street.

PFAS Results:

J. Federico noted PFAS levels at the Washington Street well are close to normal. Tuesday sampling will commence again to include individual wells at Washington Street. S. Ivas asked if Third Herring Brook was sampled, J. Federico confirmed he did at that location. F. St. Ours noted rain dilutes PFAS levels; a common adage is the solution to pollution is dilution.

Zoom Meeting:

S. Ivas asked about a Monday Zoom Meeting with DEP – J. Federico and H. Tufts will attend.

Well Exploration Plans:

J. Federico and H. Tufts and P. Dillon did go out to Bowker Street. They will visit the site again next week. J. Federico did meet with the SCADA person, so everything is in stock to make repairs, and the cost is approximately \$3k. F. St. Ours said Well# 3 doesn't have the color like Well# 10 has. F. St. Ours wants to explore the land behind Town Hall and have that included in the plans.

Rules & Regulations:

This will be continued for now; J. Federico will need to make edits and share with the Board at a later date.

South Street Project:

J. Federico informed the Board that DEP has approved the technical review. J. Federico advised the final process is happening and after that they can go out to bid. The vessels are coming from California.

Washington Street Park:

F. St. Ours met with Mr. Haskins to clear land in memory of J. McInnis for a sitting area. F. St. Ours observed people walking in the area while he was on site. F. St. Ours recommends the left side as the preferred spot. The Board discussed how big of an area should be dedicated to the memorial. F. St. Ours suggested possibly meeting at the site for the next meeting weather pending.

Water Department Staff:

J. Federico advised that a new mechanic started on March 27th; and interviews will start next Tuesday for a part-time meter reader position. J. Federico explained a large pool of candidates applied because it is part-time, and benefits are available. The Board had some discussion over the full cost for family health care plans. A stipend is earned if an employee holds insurance for 12 months and then chooses to come off the Town's insurance. The family plan stipend is 7k and single plan is 4k annually. J. Federico will host a lunch with Board members and staff members once the garage has been cleaned out.

Future Plans Discussion:

J. Federico discussed future joint planning potentially with Hanover for all wells, the cost to make Norwell's plant big enough and be able to tolerate more sources is cost prohibitive. This is a very long-range plan, nothing that is happening in the short term. J. Federico is thinking of expansion to be able to treat whatever comes down the road twenty years from now.

Fred St. Ours made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 PM, seconded by Steve Ivas.

Accepted: J. H. McInnis Date: 4/20/23