



## **BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

Date: September 7, 2023

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Norwell Water Dept.  
345 Main Street, Norwell

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

Prepared by: Jason Federico

Meeting Minutes from 8/3/23: Approved

### Discuss – Abatement 432 Washington Street:

Board approved abatement of two bills to place all the usage in the bottom tier. This reduced the April bill from \$3,598.76 to \$1,676.22 and the July bill from \$2,626.88 to \$1,244.46 and waive any late fees or charges on the July bill.

### Discuss – Hydrant Replacement Plan:

Jason informed the Board that the existing Smith hydrants in Town are in poor condition and would like to start replacing the hydrants on roads that are proposed for paving the following year. This would include for next year replacing all the hydrants on Pine Street. The Board agreed to use the water main replacement article to replace the hydrants in need. Also, to look at increasing the operating budget annually in the future to facilitate this process in the long term. Additionally, the Board asked that the hydrant on Fords Crossing to be removed at the homeowner's request. Jason F. agreed that after the hydrants on Pine were completed and flushing was completed the hydrant would be removed.

### Discuss – Flushing:

Jason discussed that flushing would begin after the demand tapers off. The goal would be to flush in October. Flushing will start during the day and at some point once staff is comfortable with the process move to both day and night.

### Discuss – South Street Update:

Project is moving forward. The contractor (Winston Builders) is onsite starting work. Jason discussed that now that the delays due to securing the 0% loan were completed, the work can move forward more quickly.

### Discuss – Water Department Staff Update:

Interviews have been completed for the Water Mechanic position and a candidate had been made an offer. We were waiting on background checks and drug screening.

Accepted: Steve Ivas Date: 04 OCT 23