



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 21, 2023

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Norwell Water Dept.
345 Main Street, Norwell

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

Prepared by: Donna Snow

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting minutes from 9/7/23 will be approved at the next board meeting.

Abatement @ 19 Prospect Street:

An abatement from the July billing was reviewed; the high usage is from a leak in the irrigation system. The Board reviewed the usage history report which shows they have had high usage from irrigation in the past. Jason Federico reviewed the interrogation report that the meter reader obtained. The homeowner's meter was replaced by staff on August 1st. Jason Federico will review this further and come up with some suggestions for the next Board meeting.

Abatement @ 231 River Street:

An abatement was reviewed from the July billing which explained that the irrigation system had an open valve while the residents were away. The Board reviewed the usage history report, Peter Dillon suggested dropping the usage to the second Tier and waive the penalty charge. Fred St. Ours requested we bill the first 15k gallons at Tier 1 and bill the remaining usage at Tier 2. The Board reached a consensus for this abatement in both Tier 1 and Tier 2 and waived the penalty.

Penalty Charge Forgiveness @ 26 Edgewood Park:

The resident did pay all outstanding water charges but is requesting the (3) past penalties to be removed. This resident had been an e-bill subscriber prior to the July statement. The Board did approve removing \$53.76 in penalty charges.

SSTP Update:

Jason Federico explained the 1-2" stone floor has been removed from inside the building, and the floor is all concrete now with the drains exposed. Jason Federico explained additional work includes taking the roof off, installing vessels and placing the roof back. Jason Federico plans to flush and then shut the South Street plant off. Currently the staff is working to maintain chlorine levels in the distribution system. The chlorinating process was explained to the Board; both Jason Federico and Howard Tufts explained how temperature affects color and how it reacts within the pipe. Jason Federico spoke with a resident on Tiffany Road this week who reported yellow water. Peter Dillon suggested shutting off

the cross-country water main, Jason Federico advised that next week they plan to replace Pine Street hydrants.

Vehicle Memo:

Jason Federico drafted a memo to Accounting for the Board to review. The Board made some additional suggestions, Jason Federico will incorporate the suggestions and revise the memo.

Unanticipated items:

- Jack McInnis memorial site and construction – the Board discussed the equipment that they will use. Fred St. Ours will update the family and Jason Federico explained they will start to clear the site in the coming weeks.
- Steve Ivas mentioned that he was asked to attend an open space and recreation meeting and would address any water related matters. One topic to be discussed will be the impact that both private wells and irrigation systems have on the Town's water supply. Peter Dillon explained GIS can help to show which systems are in Zone II to compute the impact on the aquifer and determine how much rainfall contributes to the system.
- Peter Dillon noted he needs to change the upcoming meeting because he has a scheduling conflict.

Fred St. Ours made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 PM, seconded by Steve Ivas.

Accepted: Steve Ivas Date: 04 OCT 23