## BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Norwell Water Department

345 Main Street, Norwell

In Attendance: Steve Ivas, Peter Dillon, Fred St. Ours, and Water Superintendent Jack McInnis

Minutes Prepared By: Allen Perlin

- 1. The Board members signed abatements, commitments and vouchers.
- Peter Dillon motioned to approve Meeting Minutes from 9/19/19. Fred St. Ours seconded.
   Meeting minutes approved.
- 3. The exterior surface of the Philip Drive tank has been sandblasted and primed. Right now, the Contractor is cutting holes into the roof of the tank to mount the internal staging to paint the ceiling. These holes will be welded closed after the interior work is done. Painting of the tank exterior will be done during the last of the good weather of autumn. The tank work should be finished at the end of October, at which point any punch list items can be addressed.
- 4. The new meter reader/clerk is working out extremely well. He is detail-oriented and self-motivated and works well with Donna. He has become acclimated to office work and has spent some time in the field with a Department Mechanic, observing how to repair and install meters.
- 5. The new DRW 4WD F350 Utility Body truck with plow assembly has arrived in good condition. There are only a few things that need to be fixed or changed by MHQ and then the vehicle will be registered. The vehicle has many safety lights for safe road work.
- 6. Peter Dillon requested that the Water Department wait to remove the water restriction signs around town. The weather has been notably dry, and the signs will remain in place until the

three-day average streamflow level at Indian Head River is above 30cfs. The signs can be replaced in the spring, but no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>. This can be an agenda item for a BOWC meeting in the spring. The Board mentioned disallowing the installation of any new automated irrigation systems in Town. The ideal way to implement this would be via Town bylaw.

- 7. Based on the information in the Order to Complete (OTC) received from the Massachusetts

  Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in July, the Norwell Water Department's

  permitted pumping rates will be reduced to the levels set forth in the Amended Water

  Management Act (WMA) Permit finalized in 2002 unless the OTC is completed before

  October 30, 2019. Peter Dillon has supporting documentation regarding the Zone II

  delineation in the Boston Harbor Basin. The Zone II delineation is clearly defined by the

  hydrogeologic boundaries in the area and will not change. Peter Dillon requests a copy of the

  Zone II delineation materials completed by former Commissioner Donald Reed. The Water

  Superintendent will furnish a copy for Peter Dillon. Peter Dillon will complete questions two

  and three from the OTC and the Water Superintendent and Treatment Facilities Manager will

  complete questions one, four and five.
  - 8. Peter Dillon motioned to adjourn; Fred St. Ours seconded; all in favor at 5:50 pm.

Accepted: Stan las Date: 67 Nov19

## Unforeseen business items:

The Board of Selectmen received a 401 Water Quality Certification, and Nancy Hemingway
distributed to Peter Dillon, Fred St. Ours and Jack McInnis. This document regards dredging at the
dam at Peterson Pond, and is related to the Hanover Crossing project. Peter Dillon will forward the
document to Steve Ivas, but otherwise the Water Department has no involvement.

- Peter Dillon received a call regarding out-of-towner's coming to Norwell and setting up hunting towers in the Grove Street and South Street wellfields. The Norwell Water Department does allow hunting but does not encourage or endorse it. The Department will not make any decisions about who has the right to hunt on Department property and will not monitor the status of people who choose to use Department property for this purpose. Gates will remain locked during non-business hours.
- The BOWC was informed of a Special Town Meeting to be held on February 10, 2020. The Meeting was requested to rezone Hannaford Plaza and areas around Accord Pond for mixed commercial/residential use. Steve Ivas stated that the Norwell Water Department would be willing to accept a flyer but not pay the costs associated with the flyer.