

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 1, 2020

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Norwell Water Department

345 Main Street, Norwell

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

Minutes Prepared by: Donna Snow

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1. All parties were present via Microsoft Teams while we continue to work in a remote environment.
 2. Peter Dillon suggested holding the next BOWC meeting outdoors at South Street Treatment Plant. The Board agreed it may be a good change of pace from the video conferences.
 3. Fred St ours motioned to approve meeting minutes from 9-17-20, Steve Ivas seconded all in favor at 4:35pm
 4. Jack McInnis mentioned the lead levels at the KinderCare sink was 2 parts per billion. Action level for lead is 15 ppb but schools are held to a higher standard. Jack McInnis did send a letter advising to flush cold water tap, to date he has not heard from them in response to the notice. Jack McInnis will have Marc Spinella reach out to the director and speak with them directly. Jack McInnis asked if the Board received the email regarding E. coli and chloroform sample, stating he was close to having to issue a boil water order. Jack McInnis believes it was lab error and the resampling showed it was not detected again after original sample. Original sample was done Monday and the resample was done Tuesday and Wednesday everything was absent.
 5. Steve Ivas motioned to approve \$103 for damaged laundry for the resident at 43 Wilder Road; Fred St. Ours seconded, all in favor at 4:45pm

6. PFAS testing, DEP is offering free samples and the Board agreed at the last meeting to get started, other towns like Scituate refused. Peter Dillon noted if we have a problem we have to sample every month. Peter Dillon stated sampling must be done from each source and each discharge: Grove, Washington and South Street and each source individually so we know if we have an issue and can address it before next summer. Sample bottles will be delivered to Peter Dillon as he is familiar with it, he will go around with someone until the process is understood. Packing requirements are dependent on temperature as well, the requirements are stringent. Peter Dillon is not that worried, Fred St. Ours thinks the public needs to be educated. The solution would be to incorporate water filters if an issue does arise.
7. Pumping Rates: Jack McInnis shared a spreadsheet showing water demand is down but so are pumping levels and pumping rates. Peter Dillon has noticed residents watering again, suggesting it could be some residents that never really stopped. The Industrial Park he also noticed has nice green lawns but maybe they are on wells. Jack McInnis thinks it is a little late to track people's usage, he thinks if we can stay the next couple of weeks we have weathered the storm. Fred St. Ours noted when daylight savings hits people will start watering less. Both Peter Dillon and Fred St. Ours agreed the upside to residents watering is the earned revenue. Fred St. Ours would like to track people by address so next year we can start monitoring those locations. The last drought was 2016 and Jack McInnis believes it is drier than that this year.
8. Excavation Bid- Jack McInnis suggested opening bids at town hall with the BOWC joined remotely. Jack McInnis is arranging for the bid opening on November 19th with a one-year contract. Jack McInnis however suggested adding a caveat so it will not be an exclusive contract and under certain circumstance the second lowest bidder can also perform work. Jack McInnis also wants to ensure that the truck driver and machine operator come to the job site. In the past Steve Gatanti was driving Jeff Currie's truck but that can't be protocol moving forward. Jack McInnis may add for a mini excavator to the equipment list this time. Steve Ivas advised Jack McInnis that he wants Peter Morin to review for format and maybe also share to Town Counsel before it goes to bid. Fred St. Ours asked if Jack McInnis knew of anyone who would be interested in the bid, Jack McInnis suggested that Steve Gatanti may know of some interested contractors but he was not certain himself.
9. Ongoing Projects:
 - a. Water quality testing with four rounds of sampling has been completed.
 - b. PFAS 6 may require additional treatment at South Street.

- c. The Route 3 crossing – survey work has been done and Mass DOT has everything now. Third Herring brook – survey of all culverts has been complete and device selection has been made for the monitoring. Jason Federico will determine if NWD needs to meet with comcom for installation of monitoring devices. The devices will be mounted on the wall.
- d. Leak detection work was done and they found 8-9 leaks.
- e. Steve Gatanti is also raising some hydrants around town.

10. Fred St. Ours motioned to adjourn; Steve Ivas seconded; all in favor at 5:22pm.

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