

Norwell BOWC Meeting Notes - 05 Nov 20, South Street Water Treatment Plant (outside)

**Present: P. Dillon (PD), F. St. Ours (FSO), S. Ivas (SI), and J. McInnis (JM),
Superintendent**

- 1. Meeting minutes from 01 Oct 20. The meeting began just after 4:30 PM.**

Approval of the 01 Oct minutes was held over until the next meeting.

- 2. Excavation Bid Update.**

While the Excavation Services contract has been widely advertised, no bids have come in yet. Two bid packages have been sent out. The Bid Opening is 19 Nov 20. Curry's services are complete at the end of November. JM provided a set of bid documents to PD, for his review.

- 3. Cybersecurity Advisory for Water.**

JM noted that the Water Department has virus protection, and VPN on the SCADA computer. The Department also has remote accessing software that provides every ISP from each login.

- 4. Open Space and Recreation Plan Goal 2.**

The Water Commissioners reviewed the 2012 list of goals, and directed SI to provide the Commission's updates to the OS&R Steering Committee.

- 5. Low Water Use Alternatives.**

It was noted that the alternatives for low water use on lawns request that came from the First Open Space and Recreation Plan Public Meeting is within the Greenscapes documentation, and is referenced in the yearly Consumer Confidence Report (CCR).

- 6. PFAs Testing and Implications.**

PD reported that he had discussed the process with DEP staff, and noted that if water samples discover PFAs in blended water, then each source shall be tested. He noted that the regulations will not be issued until spring 2021, and there is support available for testing from the Commonwealth.

7. **IT Support for Town Hall vs. School Water Abatements.**

While the Water Department abates \$40k per year for Town facilities, and the School Department has assisted the Town Hall offices with IT issues, this policy has changed. The question was brought as to the question of ceasing the Water Department's practice as a result of the new School Department policy. After a discussion, there was no consensus for changing Water Department Policy.

8. **Items not previously anticipated:**

- A. **Abatement request - 121 Central Street.** An abatement request was made for a malfunctioning irrigation system. D. Snow had forwarded calculations that approximated the historical fees. There was a consensus that Ms. Snow had made the appropriate calculations.
- B. **Irrigation systems.** There was a discussion regarding remitting full fees for water used with malfunctioning irrigation systems. JM noted that all irrigation systems are supposed to have a vacuum breaker inspected by the Plumbing Inspector. A discussion ensued regarding a bill stuffer. SI suggested that there should be a succinct description of the issue composed by the Water Department, by the end of March, before the irrigation season begins.

The meeting ended at 5:30 PM.



Signature



Date