



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 15, 2022

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Norwell Water Dept.
345 Main Street, Norwell

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

Prepared by: Donna Snow

Meeting Minutes from 8/18/22 & 9/1/22:

The meeting minutes from August 18TH were approved by the Board, the minutes from September 1st will be modified for the next meeting.

Authorization for Signatures during remote meetings:

The Board discussed allowing one signature in instances when other Board members not available. Peter Dillon motioned Fred St. Ours as signatory and Steve Ivas seconded, all in favor at 4:45pm. The Superintendent Jason Federico would be the co-signer if this situation should arise.

PFAS Communication:

Steve Ivas spoke to recently to a resident (Mr. Wolinsky) who requested more frequent communication from the Water Department. For example, the sign for the filling station on Grove Street needs to be more visible. The filling station water was tested for Pfas and the results indicated 6.6ppt (parts per trillion). The sampling results for Pfas should be readily available to residents. Fred St. Ours noted the six Pfas that we tested for have been discontinued from manufacturing but there are other Pfas still in production. Jason Federico explained when we see a decrease in demand, he can turn well 1 off. Jason Federico discussed the SRF (state revolving fund) noting it is only necessary for 20 years, the Board came to a consensus for 20 years which is more practical.

Announcement:

A new Treasurer has been hired to replace Darleen Sullivan; the new employee is MaryBeth Carter. Darleen Sullivan will be taking a new role with the upcoming retirement in December of the Town Administrator Peter Morin.

Twitter:

Jason Federico created a Norwell Water Twitter page, not everyone utilizes Facebook.

October Bill Trust Mailing:

The Board reviewed a draft for the upcoming October insert that will be mailed out with the next commitment. Fred St. Ours suggested inserting a sentence – “a family of 5 that does not water their lawn will be able to maintain billing at Tier 2”. Jason Federico agreed to illustrate that the median increase is 6% and include Fred St. Ours suggestion. Steve Ivas asked for some minor formatting changes. Jason Federico plans to add a pie graph showing percentage of water used in each tier.

236 Forest Street - Replace Meter:

Certified mail was received by the resident at the Forest Street address, but the office has not heard from him. The Board suggested working with Norwell Police to gain entry. Jason Federico will have Norwell police assist the meter reader Dan Gage to hopefully enter and change out the metering equipment.

Hiring Status:

Jason Federico has interviewed 3 applicants for the assistant superintendent position and is planning to make an offer. Jason Federico explained he wants approval for 3 weeks' vacation with a starting pay a step 2. The applicant lives locally in Hingham but travels to Marlboro daily. The offer would start him at 91k which is 4k higher than he is making now. Jason Federico still needs to advertise for the distribution position, but the current union contract is still being finalized.

Unanticipated Items:

The change order for the South Street vessels increased by 40k, however this would include other media. Steve Ivas asked will there be supply chain issues, Jason Federico responded indicated most likely. Jason Federico discussed how to handle the hazardous pfas waste and theoretically how it may work. Jason Federico wants to move forward with piloting the three different medias and add on for the filters. Peter Dillon made a motion for a change order to increase the cost of the vessels to \$39,875.00; Fred St. Ours seconded, all in favor at 5:37pm

Judges Hill Tank:

The Judges Hill tank was flagged for chloroform, Jason Federico explained the situation advising we are clean now with no bacteria. Judges Hill is six feet lower than Paradise Drive, it flat lines when Paradise is continuing to fill, the booster station was adjusted to compensate. Paradise Drive was also taken down a foot because peak season is over. The DEP did concur this is the time of year when these situations arise.

Judges Hill Gate:

Fred St. Ours asked about the gate on Judges Hill and wanted to know if the same resident had concerns. Jason Federico explained the condition of the road is fine at Mt Blue and Lincoln and explained Glenn Ferguson would like to abandon the entry point where the roadway has been deteriorating. The BOWC would like to continue to own the easement but would be amenable to not utilize it as an entry point. Paving the road then would become a non-issue if that entry point is no longer used.

Laser Printer for Treatment Plant:

Jason Federico shared the cost for purchasing this item explaining the ink jet does not work at plant due to moist conditions. Steve Ivas thinks the price is great and all approved.

Availability:

Steve Ivas will not be available for October & November meetings.

Fred St. Ours made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 PM, seconded by Steve Ivas.

Accepted: J.H. St. Ours Date: 12/8/22

