



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 8, 2022

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 from 9/15/22:

Fred St. Ours motioned to approve the meeting minutes from September 15th, Steve Ivas seconded, all in favor at 4:55pm

Leasing Grove Street:

Jason Federico provided details regarding a cell tower lease which would be a 20-year lease and would require a Town meeting article for approval. Before Town meeting the Board needs to present plans to residents. Peter Dillon asked for clarification on the cell tower location. Peter Dillon would prefer to have the cell tower further down on Grove Street. Jason Federico offered to bring Peter Dillon out when the site survey is done. The reason behind the cell tower is that Verizon's cell service is poor on Grove Street.

Water Restrictions:

Peter Dillon motioned to roll back restrictions to Tier 1, Fred St. Ours seconded, all in favor at 4:45pm. The Water Department page will be updated and the signs around Town will be changed.

PFAS Project Update:

Jason Federico explained an article was created today for the PFAS project invoices which need to be paid. Jason Federico explained invoices could be expended from the system maintenance article until the loan is approved. Peter Dillon explained we have Town Meeting approval and \$2.9 million was appropriated to start the design. Jason Federico explained that the concern is we will not have a loan in place by July 1, 2023. A change was made to have the filters moved inside the building and as a result the plans are not quite ready. Peter Dillon asked if the Water Commissioner need to invite the Select Board to review the plans.

FY24 Budget:

Jason Federico explained to the Board some changes still need to be made but the draft was reviewed. The budget worksheet and salary details were shared with the Board. Fred St. Ours suggested he would like to see the calculations as an apples-to-apples comparison. Steve Ivas suggested two sheets one with all the expenditures listed and another as Fred St. Ours had suggested. Jason Federico explained propane, contractor services, treatment, and chemical expenses increased but other line items were eliminated such as books & periodicals. The Board said it is a good start and they will review again next week when they meet on the 15th of December.

Abatement Request from 84 Pleasant St:

The resident had a leak and provided evidence that it was repaired, past water usage was reviewed which showed two similar past readings on the report. Fred St. Ours noted this October read matches the October 2019 and 2020 consumption, Peter Dillon agreed. The Board did not see justification for a reduction based on the usage history. Peter Dillon motioned not to abate the billing, Fred St. Ours seconded, all in favor at 5:08pm

Abatement Request from 17 Knollwood Rd:

The resident's meter was broken, the bill had to be estimated for October. Estimated readings are provided using the prior read for the same quarter as a guide. The resident is asking for his bill to mirror the bill he had in the July stating that his children had moved out and he was expecting a lower bill. The old meter did not log a reading as it was a dead meter when it was replaced. Fred St. Ours motioned to allow the abatement request to match his July reading which is a slight adjustment (savings of \$35), Peter Dillon seconded and all in favor at 5:15pm.

PFAS Update:

Jason Federico explained the public notice will be mailed out; it was posted on the water departments page today. Jason Federico would like to log the PFAS results on the Town's Water Department page for easier access to the results.

Additional Unanticipated Items:

- Jason Federico discussed a clothing purchase for items damaged when he was performing duties for the Treatment Plant Operator during the employee's absence. The invoice was from Work N Gear for \$121.52, Fred St. Ours motioned to approve the reimbursement, Peter Dillon and Steve Ivas also agreed at 5:33pm.
- Jason Federico discussed a purchase for a new vehicle so the Treatment Plant operators Chevy Silverado can be transitioned to the summer help. The Treatment Plant operator then would take the new Chevy Colorado. This request would need to be presented in a capital budget request.
- The Board reviewed the GIS invoice noting that the first year we paid the entire invoice. Jason Federico explained other offices utilize the application for dog licenses, burn permits and highway also uses it. The Water Department makes use of it for all our

work orders. Fred St. Ours suggested that Jason Federico speak to Glenn Ferguson to determine the extent to which GIS is used in Highway.

- A discussion about water quality was held and Jason Federico advised the Board that the Chlorine Day tank barrel has been cleaned and power washed. Jason Federico and Howard Tufts prepared new working protocols for the staff. A meeting will be held with staff and a new daily log system will be implemented moving forward.
- Jason Federico noted we have a new hire Michael Derienzo, he came from the Avon Water Department and is working out well for the department.

Fred St. Ours made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 PM, seconded by Steve Ivas.

Accepted: Steve Ivas Date: 15 Dec 22

