



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 19, 2023

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 1/5/23:

Fred St. Ours motioned to approve the meeting minutes from January 5th, Peter Dillon seconded; all in favor at 4:57pm

Annual Town Meeting & Special Articles:

The Water Department is requesting a change to one article in order to reallocate funds from an existing article. The Board will request the funds be appropriated for generic use. The change is needed for work on part of Main Street that is planned. Jason Federico explained the PFAS project, and the Main Street work is adequate, and he does not need more articles available now.

PFAS/Schools:

Jason Federico talked to the schools and the PFAS testing will be done tomorrow. Marc Spinella will be charged with conducting the sampling.

Bowker Street Service Repair:

Jason Federico and Howard Tufts shared the condition of the water main repair that was done today on Bowker Street. The office received a morning call where the resident reported they had no water. The crew tried to blow out the line initially, bubbles eventually surfaced in the road allowing the crew to identify the break.

PFAS Discussion:

The Board discussed what happens to PFAS particles when water is boiling as the concentration of PFAS increases. Some discussion was held pertaining to the presence of PFAS in rainwater as well.

PFAS Frequently Asked Questions:

The Board approved the FAQ list, it can be posted to the Towns water page and on the water departments Facebook page.

Items Not Anticipated:

- The Board briefly discussed adding another line for system maintenance and possibly raising rates again.
- Steve Ivas will be away until from January 20th - March 5th and not available to attend any meetings during that period.
- Fred St. Ours mentioned creating a garden in memory of the former superintendent Jack McInnis with a bench and rock engraved with his name. Jason Federico has a site in mind and will share pictures with Steve Ivas so they can collaborate on ideas.
- Jason Federico discussed the KMnO₄ supply issue noting an 80-days' supply is on hand now. Fred St. Ours said that a bucket will last a little over two days.
- Jason Federico shared the calibration results from the master meters and informed the Board additional adjustments at South Street will be made in the next few days.
- Jason Federico mentioned that 555 Cordwainer has water pressure issues, and he is working with them to remedy the situation. Jason Federico predicts when they reach full capacity, they will have water pressure problems. The main issue is with the public restrooms in the facility and their flushometers.
- Both Jason Federico and Peter Dillon will discuss PFAS on a local podcast February 1st.

Peter Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 PM, seconded by Steve Ivas.

Accepted: _____

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