



TOWN OF NORWELL  
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
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WATER DEPARTMENT  
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Date: October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018      Time: 4:30 PM      Location: Norwell Water Department  
345 Main Street, Norwell

BOWC Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Sign – Abatements, Commitments and Vouchers
2. Approve - Meeting Minutes from August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018
3. Discuss – Water Connection Fees 40 River Street
4. Discuss – Language Edits FY19 Excavation Services Bid

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

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345 Main Street-Office

In Attendance:

Board members: Steve Ivas, Peter Dillon, and Fred St. Ours.

Meeting Minutes Prepared By: Donna Snow

1. The Board members signed abatements, commitments and vouchers.
2. Jack McInnis was not present at tonight's meeting, he is on vacation.
3. Meeting minutes from 9/21/18 are in draft form, they will be ready for next BOWC meeting.
4. Peter Dillon confirmed the water quality for the new Kings Landing water main has not passed.
5. Greg McBride was present at the last meeting to discuss connection fees at 40 River Street and was asking for some consideration on the charges. The board is willing to help; Jack McInnis did outline two possible scenarios to consider. The original design provided for the project showed a 4" service reducing down to a 2" service. Fred St. Ours notes that Jack McInnis did offer a suggestion which allows for a reduction in fees. Steve Ivas noted the project serves to benefit the residents; Fred St. Ours agreed and suggested a 50% reduction on the fire suppression fee. Steve Ivas motioned to charge \$2,500 for the 6" fire suppression and \$6,000 for the 2" domestic service for total of \$8,500.00 instead of the original cost of \$20,000; all in favor at 5:05pm.
6. The language edits for the excavation service bid was reviewed, Jack McInnis had provided some verbiage. Fred St. Ours does not want a 3 year bid; Steve Ivas agreed the length of the term is too long. They both suggested having the contract run through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020, with a starting date once the bid is accepted. Steve Ivas and Fred St. Ours also want the following language omitted: "The town reserves the right to terminate any contract at the end of each contract year. The town will notify the contracts thirty days prior to the contract year end of its intention to continue the contract".



7. Discussed high usage at 14 Edgewood Park – both Amanda Kayiales and John McGloin believe the high usage is a result from a leak in the irrigation system. This resident had not done a final water reading when moving into this house and as a result his water bills were being sent e-bill to the prior owner. The high usage bills were not being received and as a result the resident has incurred several missed billing period and currently his bill is \$23,478.42. Both Fred St. Ours and Steve Ivas would like to test the meter in the house with no water running and then pull the meter and have it tested off-site. Both feel we owe it to the resident to ensure the equipment is properly working. We also noticed a discrepancy on the reading from March 2017 where the reading went down. Fred St. Ours did note however, there is no question the resident irrigates 3 times per week. The baseline readings were also quite high even when he wasn't irrigating. Fred St. Ours notes it is possible there could be a leak all of the time and a worse leak when irrigation system is on. Once the meter is pulled and tested we can revisit how to proceed with the readings and water billing.
8. Peter Dillon motioned to adjourn; Steve Ivas seconded, all in favor at 6:15pm.

*Items not anticipated 48 hrs. in advance of meeting*

Accepted: J. H. St. Ours Date: 18 Oct 2018