

TOWN OF NORWELL
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
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WATER DEPARTMENT
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Date: September 6th, 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 23rd, 2018
3. Discuss – Abatement request for 296 Main Street
4. Discuss - Status of Kings Landing water main installation project
5. Discuss – Status of Pump Station #2
6. Review – August pumping data and current pumping water levels
7. Discuss – FY19 Excavation Services bid status

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In Attendance:

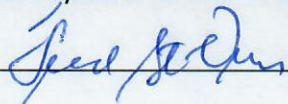
Board members: Steve Ivas, Peter Dillon, Fred St. Ours and Water Superintendent Jack McInnis.

Meeting Minutes Prepared By: Donna Snow

1. The Board members signed abatements, commitments and vouchers.
2. Minutes for 8/23/18 are not finalized; they will be ready for next BOWC.
3. An abatement request for 296 Main Street was reviewed by board. If the usage was billed at the lowest tier it would save the resident \$20.33. Jack McInnis informed the board that the work order indicates the leak occurred in same location two years ago. Fred St. Ours suggested informing the resident that under the circumstances the abatement will not be granted. Donna Snow will contact the resident with the BOWC decision and advise that the reasons for the tiered rate system are to encourage people to attend to leaks in a timely fashion.
4. Kings Landing Status: Jack McInnis stated the work is complete with only minor punch list items that need tending to. The final payment has not yet been made to Dandel construction. Jack McInnis informed the BOWC the water main cannot be accepted based on the lab results. NWD will need to re-flush and re-chlorinate and then re-sample. Fred St. Ours asked what was used for the water main and Jack McInnis informed him PVC was used.
5. Pump station #2 update provided by Jack McInnis – he reported the pump is on a delay, it can be run physically by hand, but not yet automated, all instrumentation needs to be programmed and calibrated which will take some time.
6. Pumping data – Jack McInnis shared the August pumping results with the BOWC. The levels of the aquifer are dropping so Jack McInnis suggested keeping Tier 3 water restrictions in place for now.

7. Excavation Services bid status – Peter Dillon feels the language is great affording the flexibility necessary. Fred St. Ours disagrees completely with the language scripted stating it is very unclear in how it reads and the length of the contract notes 3 years. Jack McInnis agreed it has to be edited since it is more complicated than we need. Jack McInnis pointed out that someone may be bidding for three years with no cost of living increase based upon the current language. Steve Ivas therefore motioned to have Jack McInnis reword the language, Peter Dillon seconded, Fred St. Ours approved, and all in favor at 4:50pm
8. Jack McInnis discussed the most recent water breaks on River Street caused by Columbia gas. A total of three water main breaks have occurred recently (7/31/18; 8/2/18; 8/29/18). Jack McInnis advised the board that Glenn Ferguson issued a letter to Columbia Gas pertaining to sunken trenches, lack of compacting and damage to the roads of the result. Jack McInnis explained the long standing arrangement with utility companies is a gentleman's agreement if NWD damages their services and they damage ours, but also noted the prior two breaks were "not" the result of Columbia Gas.
9. Steve Ivas motioned to adjourn; Peter Dillon seconded, all in favor at 5:15pm.

Items not anticipated 48 hrs. in advance of meeting

Accepted:  Date: 9/21/18