



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 1, 2023

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Norwell Water Dept.
345 Main Street, Norwell

Present: Fred St. Ours, Steve Ivas, Peter Dillon, Howard Tufts & Jason Federico

Prepared by: Donna Snow

Meeting Minutes:

Fred St. Ours motioned to the approve meeting minutes from 4/20/23; Steve Ivas seconded and all in favor at 4:39pm. Meeting minutes from 5/18/23 still need to be finalized and approved.

Board Reorganization:

Fred St. Ours nominated Peter Dillon for Chair; Steve Ivas seconded. Peter Dillon nominated Fred St. Ours for Vice Chair; Steve Ivas seconded. Fred St. Ours nominated Steve Ivas for Clerk; Steve Ivas seconded and all in favor at 4:43pm

Bid Opening:

Jason Federico postponed the bid opening until next Thursday.

New Hire:

Jason Federico explained after several interviews the clerk/meter reader position was offered to a Norwell resident who will start on June 6th.

Washington Street Leak:

The commercial account (pizza shop) located at 432 Washington Street was discussed. The current bill is \$3,598.00 and their next bill will likely also be high. If usage is billed at the lowest tier the bill would be \$1,676.00. Peter Dillon explained it is different than a residential home, this property is managed by a property manager. Jason Federico confirmed the store owner does pay the water bill annually at the end of year. Jason Federico explained the leak had been undetected for so long and will likely also result in a high July billing. Peter Dillon said we can continue this discussion to see what the next bill looks like; this also gives the Board more time to decide what to do. Fred St. Ours wanted to know who paid for the repairs, Jason Federico advised the property manager does. Steve Ivas noted we need a policy for accounts that are commercial and managed by a property owner.

Tier Restrictions:

Peter Dillon advised that with rain in the forecast no restriction changes are necessary now. Jason Federico can decide another time and speak to the commissioners by email to make a tier change if necessary.

Mandatory Municipal Ethics Training:

Jason Federico will ensure that both Eric and Howard will complete this training. It is required every year that municipal employees sign off on the Conflict-of-Interest summary and every 2 years take the Ethics online Training Program for Municipal Employees.

Resignation:

Mike Derienzo has resigned, his last day of employment will be 6/2/23. Jason Federico internally posted for a treatment plant operator with a T3 license, this will ensure state paperwork will be done in Marc's absence.

Next Board Meeting:

The Board will not meet again until July but will be available for end of year voucher processing.

Bowker Street:

Peter Dillon shared samples of bedrock from 970 feet deep at Bowker Street. Peter Dillon would be satisfied to draw 65 gallons a minute if possible. Jason Federico advised the building has been demolished at well #9.

Fred St. Ours made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM, seconded by Steve Ivas.

Accepted:  Date: 7/13/23