

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 9, 2024, at the Water Department office

PRESENT WERE: Board of Water Commissioners, Chairman Mason, Commissioner Stephen Whitmore and Commissioner Evelyn Bassett. Prudential Committee Member Bill Jones. Also present: Superintendent Sean Anderson, Fire Chief Christopher Beal, Precinct 1 Town Councilor Gordan Star and Resident Steve Rizzo.

- Meeting called to order at 2:30 PM
- Warrants to be signed.
- Superintendent Anderson asked for a **motion** to accept the March 12, 2024; minutes as written. Commissioner Bassett **motioned to accept, seconded** by Commissioner Whitmore, and **passed unanimously**.

WATER RATES

- Superintendent Anderson discussed when the increase in water rates were first discussed the money was supposed to go into a reserve account. It was never voted on and has been going into the general fund. Superintendent Anderson is asking for 7% of the revenue to be put into the water system improvement, roughly 132,000. a year. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned to accept, seconded** by Commissioner Bassett, and **passed unanimously**.

WATER BALANCE PROGRAM

- Motion that any and all revenues from the Water Balance Program shall be deposited into the System Improvement Account. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned to accept, seconded** by Chairman Mason, and **passed unanimously**.

PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

- Tabled

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

- May 8, 2024

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

- 2.4 million Grant from US EPA and Mass DEP Emergency Contaminants for Small or disadvantaged Community Grant Program funded from the bilateral infrastructure law. Down to 2.4 million to the taxpayers.
- The sanitary survey and Cyber Security Survey by DEP went well.
- Flushing has started.
- Lead & Copper 40 samples for spring
- CCR Brochure
- Annual stat report
- Treatment Plant Update state approved the waiver for the bathroom.
- Tree removal has been completed at the treatment plant.
- DEP sent an email to Superintendent Anderson asking to increase the water withdrawal permit.

MATTERS NOT REASONABLE ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR

- Superintendent Anderson proposed a water service vs. drinking off the hydrant for the Pan-Mass Challenge. Hydration station connection roughly to cost \$5800.00.
- Abatement request for Leaky Toilet Account #207-0 15 George Street, Betty Fedge. 223,000 gallons vs. 4,000 gallons normally for this billing period. \$2400.00 vs. \$24.00. If you bring it down to the lowest rate it would be \$1349.15 saving the customer \$1058.00. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned to accept, seconded** by Chairman Mason, and **passed unanimously**.

Chairman Whitmore **motioned** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn H. Woodward