

## **BFD BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

January 11, 2022, AT THE WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

PRESENT WERE: Board of Water Commissioners Chairman David Jones, Commissioner Bassett, and Commissioner Whitmore. Also present: Superintendent Thomas Rooney.

- Meeting called to order at 2:30 P.M.
- Warrants and payrolls signed.

Chairman Jones asked for a motion to approve previous meeting minutes. Commissioner Bassett **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes from December 14, 2021, **seconded** by Chairman Jones. The **motion passed unanimously.**

### **Capital Projects Update**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that Massachusetts Clean Water Trust awarded the District \$96,257.00 in loan forgiveness on the 1.4-million-dollar zero percent loan previously given to the District for PFAS remediation projects. Mr. Rooney explained that Federal relief funds are being distributed to provide financial relief based regional economic levels.

Superintendent Roney shared the rough draft of two letters requesting ARPA (America Rescue and Recovery Act) funds for PFAS remediation. Chairman Jones informed the Board that Barnstable County is debating the destination for the distribution of the ARPA funds they have received. The first letter will be distributed to several Barnstable County governmental officials requesting funding. The second letter will be sent to Massachusetts State Senator Julian Cyr. The Board recommended small changes to clarify the Commissioners request. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that he would make the changes, and that he would distribute the letters as directed.

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the roof replacement on pumping station #1 was completed. Mr. Rooney explained that the contractor is waiting for steel pipe supports to be manufactured for the project. Commissioner Whitmore asked why the supports are needed? Mr. Rooney explained that the pipe supports are needed to support a pipe loop inside of the building. He went on to explain the loop is required to space out injectors needed for chemical addition. Chairman Jones asked if there is a delivery date for the emergency generator. Mr. Rooney replied that the contractor has not been given a delivery date. He informed the Board that the gas service from the street has been installed. He also informed the Board that the completion of the prefabricated chemical addition building has been delayed because United Concrete cannot obtain the chemical storage tanks for the building. Superintendent Rooney discussed the leaking connection to the newly installed Potassium Hydroxide bulk storage tank at Treatment #1 located at Well #4. Mr. Roney explained that Dankris Builders Corporation representatives have agreed to redo the connections under warranty. He explained that GZA Engineers are specifying alternative parts to make the flexible connection to the chemical storage tank.

The Board discussed the hiring of a Licensed Site Professional to evaluate the potential sources of the PFAS contaminants around Wells #2 & #5. The Board decided to table the discussion until the results of the Phase 2 Assessment of the Barnstable Fire Training Academy site are completed by BETA Group Engineering, the consultant conducting the Immediate Response activities for the contamination at the site.

### **Annual District Meeting Articles**

Chairman Jones asked Superintendent Rooney if a revised construction cost estimate has been received for the proposed filtration plant to be constructed for Wells #2 & #5? Mr. Rooney informed the Board that the changes to site plans in response to the changes in the building size will need to be evaluated before a reliable revised cost estimate can be made. Chairman Jones asked that the cost estimate for the filtration plant be supplied as soon as possible to provide information for the voters at Annual District Meeting.

The Board also discussed suggested need to create of a natural disaster contingency fund. It was decided that Superintendent Rooney should evaluate addition insurance as an option instead of creating a new fund.

### **Development Projects in the District**

The Board discussed the Water Department's ability to provide increased supply, and the potential for an increase PFAS detections. Superintendent Rooney discussed the possibility that increased pumping to provide a greater supply of water could potentially increase the level of PFAS detections in well water samples. The Board member expressed their reluctance to approve larger increases to water withdrawals from the aquifer until the new filtration plant is operational.

### **Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated By The Chair**

The Board discussed the possibility of finding addition assistance for the Superintendent to find and secure additional grant funds for PFAS remediation projects.

There being no further business, Chairman Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to adjourn the meeting, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously**. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Thomas Rooney