

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

April 9, 2019 AT THE WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

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

- Meeting called to order at 2:38 P.M.
- Warrants and payrolls signed.
- Collectors End of Month Report reviewed and signed
- Superintendent's Projects Report reviewed

Chairman Jones asked for a motion to accept the previous Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to accept the Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2019, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously.**

### **Capital Projects Update**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the last item remaining to be completed for the Office Remodel Project is the installation of two air conditioning units. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that he had contacted Done Well Plumbing, and that he was told that the work would be completed in the near future. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that Bortolotti Construction has not given a date for the site repairs for the Tanks #2 & #3 Rehabilitation Project, but they promised to do the work by the end of spring. Mr. Rooney informed the Board the Gate Rehabilitation Project was beginning, and that the MassDOT Road Opening Permit has been approved. Mr. Rooney discussed the wastewater project at Phinney's Lane and Attucks Lane.

### **Water Quality**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that he has consulted with GZA engineering regarding PFAS sampling. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that the Department was not aware of the strict sampling protocols for PFAS sampling so the previous results may have been tainted. He suggested that GZA's engineers trained with the sampling protocols be retained to confirm the previous sample results taken in-house. Commissioner Whitmore asked what would the consultant cost, and when could they sample? Mr. Rooney replied that the cost would be \$3,000.00 and that the sampling could be done in the next few weeks. Commissioner Bassett asked if Department personnel would be trained by the consultant to follow the correct protocols. He replied that they would. Mr. Rooney discussed the negative publicity regarding PFAS contamination in Barnstable. He also discussed the proposed reduction by MassDEP to the Health Advisory levels for PFAS chemicals. He also discussed the sampling of monitoring wells at the edges of the wellfields, and the results obtained so far. Mr. Rooney informed the Board of the Department's plan for future sampling in the wellfields based upon past results. Commissioner Bassett asked the Superintendent if he had been contacted by MassDEP regarding PFOS? Mr. Rooney replied that he had. Mr. Rooney also discussed sampling of Flint Rock Pond for PFAS conducted by Harvard University students adjacent to Well #5. Mr. Rooney mentioned the potential need to install additional sampling wells.

**Review of System Repairs**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the replacement Pax Mixer for Tank #1 was installed, and that Tank #1 is back in service. Mr. Rooney explained that the paint coating touch ups for the floor of the tank were not repaired because of temperature and time restraints. He explained that Tank #1 will be needed for water system flushing, and for the water main gate replacement. Mr. Rooney discussed the difference between the style of the mixer that failed, and the style of the replacement mixer. Superintendent Rooney reviewed the progress of the Well #3 rehabilitation. Mr. Rooney reported that the pump motor for Well #4 was inspected, and that no repairs were needed. He explained that the well column threads were worn out, and that the 100' column would have to be replaced. He also explained that the pump bowls, and bearings needed to be replaced. Chairman Jones asked what is the estimate for the additional work? Mr. Rooney informed the Board that the estimate was \$8,900.00. Mr. Rooney discussed the additional chemical treatment of Pantomite that was done to revive production capacity. Chairman Jones asked how long it had been since Well #4 was last rehabilitated? Mr. Rooney replied that Well #4 was redeveloped six years ago, almost to the day. He went on to say that the Water Department should plan on redeveloping each well on a five year rotation to maintain production capacity. Mr. Rooney discussed the need to rehabilitate Well #2 next. The Board discussed the past and future expenditures. Superintendent Rooney discussed the need to reconfigure the fencing area of Well #5 to accommodate the redevelopment equipment access because the roof hatch is on the rear of the pumping station building roof.

**Optional Meter Requests for 1500 Route 132 and 31 Second Way**

The Board reviewed Optional Meter Requests for 1500 Route 132, and 31 Second Way. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to approve the Optional Meter Requests, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously.**

**Abatement Request**

The Board discussed a high usage at 31 Powder Hill Road. The abatement request was tabled.

**Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair**

Superintendent Rooney discussed a new residential apartment complex proposed for Breeds Hill Road. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that his current contract was expiring. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to renew the Superintendent's contract for another three years, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously.**

There being no further business, Chairman Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bassett **motioned** to adjourn the meeting, **seconded** by Chairman Jones. The **motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Thomas Rooney