

BFD BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

February 8 , 2022, AT THE WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

PRESENT WERE: Board of Water Commissioners Chairman David Jones, Commissioner Basset, 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 Whitmore informed the Board that he was not listed as being present at the previous Meeting in the minutes. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes, with the addition of his attendance, from January 11, 2022, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously.**

Development Projects in the District

Representatives from New England Development Company joined the meeting to present updated plans for a three-building apartment building proposed for Wilkins Lane. New England Development explained that the building complex will have 272 rental apartment units. NED explained that the project is being reviewed by the Cape Cod Commission, and that the proposed date to being construction is September of 2022. Ned also explained that the project will take approximately 18 months to complete, so occupancy will begin in early 2024.

The Board discussed the proposed water demand of 40,000 gallons per day or 14 million gallons per year. The Board discussed the potential effects of the increased demands on the District's water system, especially the effects on PFAS levels in the water system.

Capital Projects Update

Superintendent Rooney presented the proposed Water Department Operations Budget, and a breakdown of expenditures in the Fiscal 2021 budget at the halfway point of the fiscal year. The Board reviewed the proposed budget and adjusted wages and various line-item allotments. Chairman asked for a motion to approve the amended budget. Commissioner Bassett **motioned** to approve the Fiscal 2022 Water Department Operations Budget, **seconded** by Commissioner Whitmore. The **motion passed unanimously.**

Superintendent Rooney provided the Board with an update on the Well #1 rehabilitation project. Mr. Rooney explained that the treatment building has been constructed, and that the company building the building is waiting for the chemical storage tanks to be delivered. He also informed the Board that the delivery date for the backup generator is not currently known. Mr. Rooney also discussed the progress of the design of the proposed water filtration plant for Wells #2 & #5.

Annual District Meeting Articles

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the revised cost estimate for the proposed water filtration plant to remediate PFAS is 15.8 million dollars. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that there will be additional planning and construction oversight that will increase the cost estimate to 17 million dollars. He also explained that that the cost of materials could potentially increase the final cost to 20 million dollars.

Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated By The Chair

The Board reviewed the Water Department's Annual Report for Fiscal 2021, prepared by the Superintendent. The Board made some suggestions for revisions to the report, and approved the Report as amended.

Superintendent Rooney presented the Board with the response from Massachusetts State Senator Julian Cyr to the letter sent by the Board regarding PFAS grant funding.

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 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Rooney