

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

JULY 14, 2020 AT THE WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

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

- Meeting called to order at 2:33 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 May 12, 2020, **seconded** by Commissioner Whitmore. The **motion passed unanimously.**

### **Capital Projects / Grant Application**

GZA GeoEnvironmental Engineer Thomas Sexton addressed the Board to explain the plan for addressing the PFAS detections in the District's drinking water wells, and the progress of the District's efforts to obtain State Grant monies, along with zero interest loan financing. Mr. Sexton informed the Board that the State of Massachusetts is in the process of changing the current Health Advisory Guideline for PFAS compounds to an enforceable Regulation. Mr. Sexton informed the Board that the current sampling requirement is for a total of six compounds, but more compounds may be added in the future. He stated that the inclusion of more compounds may produce a higher total result for PFAS compounds. Mr. Sexton presented the Board with a schedule of the various system improvements underway. He informed the Board that the Treatment #1 chemical feed equipment replacement project is ready to go out to bid, and a contractor should be identified by December 1, 2020. Mr. Sexton discussed the progress of the development of Well #1 specifications. Chairman Jones asked if the project would include connecting Well #1 to Old Jail Lane. Superintendent Rooney replied that it does not. Chairman Jones told Mr. Sexton that the Board would like to have the Well #1 rehabilitation completed as soon as possible. Mr. Sexton also stated that the Pilot Study for Wells #2 & #5, needed to demonstrate that the proposed treatment for Wells #2 & #5 is effective, may be \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars).

Mr. Sexton presented the Board with a proposal for the design and construction engineering services for the Rehabilitation of Well #1 in the amount of \$143,000.00 (One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Dollars). The Board accepted the proposal.

### **Water Quality**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that PFAS sampling results for raw water from Well #1 have increased to 43 parts per trillion. Mr. Rooney explained that the current PFAS Guideline is 20 parts per trillion. He explained that a sample result for PFAS when the water from Well #2 and Well #5 were blended together was 23.66 parts per trillion which exceeded the Massachusetts guideline, and which prompted MassDEP to recommend that the Well #5 not be used to provide water to the public. A follow up sample result of blended water from Wells #2 & #5 was 18.86 parts per trillion. Mr. Rooney explained that MassDEP would not remove their recommendation to take Well #5 offline because the PFAS result was so close to 20 parts per trillion. Chairman Jones asked if the Department will be able to keep up with water demand with Well #5 not being used. Superintendent Rooney replied that the Department will be able to provide enough water if there are no breakdowns in the other three active wells. Commissioner Bassett asked what Hyannis Water Systems is doing to address their PFAS detections. Superintendent Rooney explained that Hyannis' water is being filtered through granulated activated carbon to remove the PFAS. Mr. Rooney explained this Department will probably need to do the same type of treatment.

Mr. Rooney informed the Board that Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) may require the Department to place a Notice on the Districts Website to inform the customers of the Water Department that water containing PFAS above 20 Parts per trillion was distributed to customers for a short time. The Board discussed their agreement with placing a Notice on the District's website.

### **Staff Performance Reviews**

The Board decided to postpone the performance evaluations until the next Board Meeting.

### **Medinah Drive Water Main**

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that he had received a complaint about water quality from a resident of Medinah Drive. Mr. Rooney read aloud the email he received requesting that the Department install a filter system inside of the residence. He also discussed the numerous efforts that the Department's staff have undertaken to resolve the issue by flushing the water main. The Board declined to provide an in-home filter for the customer.

### **Optional Meter Request**

The Board reviewed an Optional Meter request for 75 Harbor View Road. Chairman Jones asked for a motion. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to approve the request, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously.**

### **Abatement Request**

Superintendent Rooney presented an Abatement Request for a customer on Gelding Lane. The Board asked the Superintendent to provide more information. The Abatement Request was tabled until the next Board Meeting.

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

Cape and Vineyard Electrical Collaborative Project Manager Liz Argo addressed the Board to propose a resolution for a Personal Property Tax issue. The Board approved the suggested resolution, and the matter will be reviewed by the Barnstable fire District Prudential Committee for their consideration at their monthly Meeting.

Superintendent Rooney discussed an illegal water service connection on Scudder's Lane, and the negotiations to resolve the issue between two residences and Department. Superintendent Rooney asked that staff members may carry over vacation time because of the virus crisis. The Board approved a carry-over of 45 days.

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 3:42 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Thomas Rooney