

BFD BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2018 AT THE WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

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

- Meeting called to order at 2:30 P.M.
- Warrants and payrolls signed.
- Collectors End of Month Report reviewed and signed

Chairman Jones asked for a motion to accept the previous Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to accept the Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2018, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously.**

Capital Improvement Projects

Superintendent Rooney presented the Board with a depiction of the new signage developed for the Water Department. The Board approved the sign design, and the potential location of the new sign post. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that the application to Old Kings Highway will have to be submitted. The Board discussed the vendor for the office storm doors and gutters. Chairman Jones asked for a motion. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to approve Aluminum Products of Cape Cod as the vendor, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously.** Mr. Rooney discussed the quote received for the removal of two trees, the removal of the collapsing retaining wall in the front of the building, and the regrading of the landscaped island in front of the office. The Board approved the use of Vektorino's Landscaping's quote. Mr. Rooney discussed the installation of building air conditioning units. The Board approved the use of the plumber that had done similar work previously.

Superintendent Rooney provided an update on the progress on the Tank #3 rehabilitation. He discussed the security cameras that were installed to provide security for the temporary fire pump, per MassDEP. He went on to say that the cameras will be relocated to the tank site after the fire pump is removed at the end of the project. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that the water system is being controlled off of pressure in order to drain Tank #3. He complimented Woodard and Curran Engineer Steve Rose, and Senior Operator Ron Tivey for their work on the project. He went on to say that Ron would be receiving a New England Water Works 2018 Meritorious Service Award.

Water Quality

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the standards for the Maximum Contaminant Levels for fluorinated organic chemicals are being lowered. Fluorinated organic chemicals (PFOS and PFOA etc.) are found in consumer products, and are listed a contaminant of Emerging Concern. He went on to say that past sample results for the District have been low, but they will need to be monitored. The Board instructed the Superintendent to continue taking additional samples to monitor the levels.

Water Quality Continued

Superintendent Rooney discussed the problems affecting Hyannis Water Systems, and their need to find new water sources because of PFOS contamination. He informed the Board that the Department will be taking additional voluntary samples for PFOS. Mr. Rooney also discussed the need to rehabilitate Well #3. He went on to say that he would like to hire a consultant explore the conditions in the wellfield. He also informed the Board that an additional chemical treatment to remove bio-fouling had been recommended.

Water Department Rules and Regulations

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board he had discovered that neighboring Water Departments do not use a Two User Fee. He discussed the possibility of changing the Department's policy. Commissioner Bassett asked for an explanation of the effect on revenues. Superintendent Rooney explained that Two User Fee generates approximately \$3,600.00 dollars per year. The Board asked Superintendent Rooney to provide more information about the accounts, and they voiced their opinion that businesses should be treated differently than residences.

Optional Meter Request

The Board reviewed an Optional Meter Request from 174 Commerce Road. The request was approved by the Board.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

Superintendent Rooney discussed water main leaks on Route 6A and Coach Lane. Mr. Rooney discussed his absence on the date of the next Meeting. The Board decided to postpone the October Meeting. Mr. Rooney discussed illegal use of a hydrant on Phinney's Lane, and the Department potential response. The Board instructed Mr. Rooney to notify the offender of the Department's policy, and to bill the offender for the hydrant use. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that a new phone system is needed for the office.

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 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Rooney