



# WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

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## Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 7/9/2020

Meeting held remotely viz Zoom

2:00PM Meeting called to order by Bob Parker  
Members present: Bob Parker; Paul Sadeck  
Staff present: Steven Chandler; Keven Desmarais

Meeting being recorded by Zoom and will be posted on  
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### Water Rate Study

- Chandler has been in contact with Representatives from Environmental Partners, he sent them the remaining information needed, and he's waiting to hear back.

### Meter Replacement

- Hydrant meter is used for high volume flushing (in spring before bleeders are turned on and fall after bleeders are turned off) and would be an asset to the department as a tool to track how much water is accurately be flushed, and, will allow us to get credit from City of Fall River for the water allotted for flushing/bleeding.
- Keven has gotten quotes for a new hydrant meter and they are \$1,500-\$2,500 per meter and suggests researching multiple companies who sell these meters in order to save money and still get a great quality meter.

### Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

- Budget has been approved at Town Meeting

### Approve Minutes 2.19.20

- Chandler had sent the minutes back in February. He will resend them and approve at next meeting.

### Payroll and Bills

- Keven or Chandler will take to Commissioner's homes and have them sign.

**Discuss Curb Stop on Freeman's Circle**

- A resident at 16 Freeman's had emailed the Water Department stating that her walkway had settled and asked if the FW&SC would repair it.
- Commissioners have determined that it is private property

**Abatements**

- Paul Sadeck makes a motion to approve all four abatements. Bob Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.

**WhiteWater Billing Rates Increase**

- Chandler made Board aware of new billing rates for non-routine billing. Does not affect contract rates.

**Environmental Partners Contract Renewal**

- Renewal of standard contract. Chandler will have Board of Selectmen, Zoning sign before Commissioners will sign.

**Applications for Commissioner**

- Commissioner Brad Paiva passed away and his position will need to be filled.
- Two letters of interest have been received.
- Bob Parker and Paul Sadeck will be asked to attend a Board of Selectmen's meeting later in July to make the appointment.

**Abatement from City of Fall River**

- Just received the draft of flow review from Fall River and will discuss at a later meeting.

Keven expresses gratitude for Brad Paiva and his commitment to and for the Freetown Water & Sewer Commission.

Paul Sadeck states that Brad served the Town in many ways, as dog officer, Finance Committee, Chair of Finance Committee, and Water & Sewer Commission. The day Brad was reelected was the day he passed away. The Town was nice to put up bunting on Town Hall in honour of Brad, and Karen last year. Chandler was asked to draft a letter to Brad's family from Commissioners.

Paul Sadeck makes motion to adjourn at 2:45PM. Bob Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Chandler  
Senior Clerk  
Freetown Water & Sewer Commission