



WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

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Cheryl A. Sadeck

Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 11/23/2020

Meeting held at Council On Aging, East Freetown, MA

9:10AM Meeting called to order by Bob Parker
Members present: Bob Parker; Paul Sadeck; Lee Baumgartner
Staff present: Steven Chandler; Keven Desmarais

Rate Study

- Discussion of Rate Study drafted by Environmental Partners.
 - Increase in water per CCU for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2021 will begin January 1, 2021. Residential customers will receive a 2% increase. Commercial customers will receive a 5% increase.
 - Paul Sadeck makes a motion to approve the increases. Lee Baumgartner 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.
- More discussion of the re-implementation of the \$10.00 quarterly fee as of January 1, 2021.
 - This fee was temporarily suspended in 2015 to give customers a reprieve from paying for the Chipaway Pump Station.
 - *Discussion from 7.28.20 meeting: The Town of Freetown had to build a pump station in East Freetown as a result of a law suit brought on by East Freetown residents. When the Water Department went from a Town department to and enterprise fund the cost of the pump station was shifted over to the 600 East Freetown and Assonet water customers. The suspension of the maintenance fee was to credit customers for charges that were not theirs but was the Town's responsibility. The rate to be re-implemented when the 5 years is up.*
- Chandler will draft a letter to notify customers of rate and fee changes and forward it to Commissioners for edit/approval.

Hydrant

- Keven Desmarais discusses the damaged hydrant on Braley Road.
 - A police report was submitted to David DeManche, Town Administrator, in the Selectmen's Office back in July and again in September. David never acted on securing payment from the insurance company.
 - Keven will re-submit the documents.

Approve Minutes

- Minutes from October 26, 2020
 - Lee Baumgartner makes a motion to approve minutes. Paul Sadeck 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

Signed bills

Paul Sadeck motion to adjourn at 10.15AM. Lee Baumgartner 2nd. All in favor per roll call. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Steven Chandler', with a long, flowing horizontal line extending to the right.

Steven Chandler
Senior Clerk
Freetown Water & Sewer Commission