



# WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

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## Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 3.18.22

Meeting held at Town Hall, Assonet, MA

10:02AM	Meeting called to order by Bob Parker
Members present:	Bob Parker; Paul Sadeck
Staff present:	David Thibodeau
Staff absent:	Steven Chandler

Meeting being audio recorded by Paul Sadeck

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### FY2023 Budget

- FY2023 budget was discussed a prior meeting.
- Paul Sadeck makes a motion to submit this budget to Town Administration. Bob Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.

### Article for June Annual Town Meeting

- Paul Sadeck makes a motion to submit to Town Administration an Article for \$50,000 to do repairs and upgrades to the pump station. Bob Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.

### Bleeders

- Permanent bleeders will be installed. Jim Rezendes will scout out locations for permanent bleeders and get back to the Board.
- In the meantime, the temporary hydrant bleeders will have to get connected so we can begin our flushing/bleeding program by April as per MassDEP.
  - Commissioners will speak to Keven Desmarais about connecting the temp hydrant bleeders

### Water Meters

- Chandler and David Thibodeau spoke with Jonathan Velez of WhiteWater about the new Allegro meters.
  - The Allegro meters along with a FCC frequency and new reading equipment will ensure all electronic reads are captured. In order to save funds, meter heads may be replaced if the meter body is still good.

- David mentioned to Jonathan that the meter located at 86 South Main Street is in a pit which has resulted in us being unable to get an actual read in seven years.
  - Jonathan stated that just the meter head can be replaced without changing the entire one inch meter.
- Ferguson Waterworks has provided prices for the new Allegro meters which Chandler sent to the Commissioners.

#### **Water and Sewer Installation and System Fees**

- Paul Sadeck made some changes to the existing system fees and reviewed them with Bob Parker and David Thibodeau.
- Paul Sadeck makes a motion to adopt the FW&SC water system fees. Bob Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.
- There have not been system fees formally set up for sewer. This topic will be discussed at a future meeting as it relates to the Intermunicipal Agreement with City of Fall River.
- Discussed the proposed subdivision project at 186 ½ Braley Road. Victoria D'Antoni, Planning Technician, made copy of plan for Commissioners and said they plan to connect to town water in future.

#### **Approve Meeting Minutes**

- Paul Sadeck makes a motion to approve the minutes from 4.13.21 and 2.15.22. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Sign Bills**

- Bob Parker and Paul Sadeck signed the Schedule of Bills for week ending 2.25.22

*Other business that properly came before the Board that was not anticipated:*

#### **Approve and Sign Bills for Emergency Services**

- There are two bills for water customers who needed emergency services for frozen meters. One is for 70 Cliff Drive; the other is for 4, 8, and 10 Crossroads Drive.
- Paul Sadeck makes a motion to approve the bills. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Paul will put bills in mail today.

#### **Sign Agreement**

- The annual agreement from Environmental Partners for general engineering services.
- Paul Sadeck makes a motion, as requested, to sign the agreement for general engineering and supplemental services in connection with Conservation Commission, GIS, Planning Dept, Stormwater, Transportation, Wastewater, Water Dept, and Zoning Board of Appeals. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried. Bob Parker and Paul Sadeck signed agreement.

**Dispose of Equipment**

- Paul Sadeck makes a motion to declare all old meter and broken equipment as scrap, and send a letter to the Board of Selectmen asking them to authorize the FW&SC to junk anything valuable for money. Any money received from the metal scrap company would be funneled back into the FW&SC Enterprise Fund. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.

Paul Sadeck motion to adjourn at 11:14AM. Bob Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Steven Chandler

Senior Clerk

Freetown Water & Sewer Commission