



WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 7.10.23

Meeting held at Town Hall, Assonet, MA

9:30AM Meeting called to order by Bob Parker
Members present: Bob Parker, Chairman; Paul Sadeck, recording meeting;
Mark Rosofsky
Staff present: Steven Chandler, recording; David Thibodeau via phone

THM Report from WhiteWater

- Chandler states the report shows elevated number at three locations in Assonet...Town line, Beach Street, and Town Hall.
 - David inspected all bleeders and has increased the flow to help bring down numbers.
 - He left a voicemail with technician at Fall River to see if there is something going on we are unaware of that would increase THM level at town line.

Misuse of Hydrants and Town Water Supply

- Mr. Hogan could not attend today. Chandler will invite to the next meeting.
 - Discussion of fines to those who steal water.
 - Paul Sadeck makes a motion to enact three levels of unauthorized use fines and they are as follow: 1st offense, \$300; 2nd offense, \$1,000; 3rd offense, \$5,000 and report to MassDEP. Mark Rosofsky 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

Environmental Partners Agreement

- Board asked Chandler to ask Deb Pettey, Town Administrator, best way to proceed.
- Chandler let EP know the Commissioners are available on July 20th to discuss permanent bleeders.
- Engineering discussions will begin and EP would like a member of the FW&SC to be part of the team.

New Service Connections

- Chandler states we have three new service connections in process. Waiting to receive permit fees and contractors to decide install dates.

Equipment

- David Thibodeau not at meeting so this topic will be discussed at next meeting.

Permanent Bleeder Project

- Check to see if adding stone and conduit to one bleeder is necessary, and the cost.

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Chipaway Pump Station . Generator

- Electrician cannot finish the job until Eversource takes lock off meter so he can change the tie-in. He has called Eversource 6 times or more and not gotten a response.
- Bob Parker spoke with Propane Plus regarding the invoice and he was told not to pay the tax or the fee for permit. Carl Bazarro, Building Dept, has authorized a refund of the permit fee from his dept. Chandler will process the invoice on a Schedule of Bills for FY2023.
- Bob needs to get a sheet of punched stainless.

Executive Session

- Commissioners need to get more information. Reschedule for next meeting.

Sign Bills

- Bob Parker and Mark Rosofsky signed bills.

Business that came before the Board not reasonably anticipated:

Update on Meter Replacement Project

- Paul Sadeck states that David Thibodeau is installing meters with Baystate Winsupply (BW) plumber today, and has been installing meters by himself. He has appts set up this week and next week.
 - There are about 51 meters left to be upgraded. Any that are not installed by BW will not be paid to BW.
 - David reached out to Fred The Plumber to help with installs and he will give Fred a list of locations. He said most customers cannot make appts for Mondays which is the only day BW can do. He said is still waiting for Steve Vacarro of BW to do change out 2" meters for 1" meters at Crystal Springs as he said he would.
 - Bob called Fred The Plumber who said he would need three days to a week notice to do upgrades. Chandler will call his office to set up appointments.
- Chandler called All Dry and spoke with Matt who confirmed they received payment from Baystate Winsupply the other day. Mark Rosofsky suggested that Chandler contact the customer and let them know the bill has been paid. Chandler will email customer's caretaker and let he know.
- Joe Coulter of Ti-Sales says the screen on the neew computer has a chip in it so he is bringing a new one down today or tommorrow.

Mark Rosofsky makes a motion to adjourn at 10:48AM. Paul Sadeck 2nd. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Chandler, Senior Clerk
Freetown Water & Sewer Commission