



# WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

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## Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 9.11.23

Meeting held at Town Hall, 3 North Main, Assonet, MA

9:32AM Meeting called to order by Bob Parker  
Members present: Bob Parker, Chairman; Paul Sadeck, recording meeting;  
Mark Rosofsky  
Staff present: Steven Chandler  
Staff absent: David Thibodeau

### MasterMeter Meter Interrogation

- David Thibodeau attempted to interrogate the meter for 17 Nick Drive to determine the usage and leak history. It appears the battery is dead so the signal is not picked up.
- The meter was picked up by Anthony Baccolini from Ferguson Waterworks on 9.5.23. He is to send it off to MasterMeter in Texas to be interrogated. Chandler followed up with Tony on 9.7.23 and Tony said to call back on 9.8.23. Chandler left a vmail but did not hear back.
- It is assumed that the read and water bill are correct until proven otherwise. The Commissioners asked Chandler to draft a letter regarding the bill and paying by the due date to avoid interest, etc, and send it to Board for approval.
- A payment plan will be offered if customer needs one. Once the information regarding the meter comes back, it will be determined if amount billed is accurate.
- Chandler will speak to Ferguson regarding the Harmony equipment purchased but never used for MasterMeter and find out if it may be returned. Town Accountant told Chandler he moved the funds out of the line item from last year's budget for MasterMeter project and into general budget for this year. Paul Sadeck will speak to Matt about it.

### Chipaway Pump Station Roof Repair

- Carl Bizzaro, Building Dept, is working on getting a quote for repair.

### Training on Neptune 360 and Vadar

- Neptune training is available on a Monday or Friday.

### Hydrant Repair

- Chandler called Ti-Sales to get pricing on hydrants.

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## **WhiteWater Contract/Agreement**

- The last agreement is from 2007. Commissioners asked Chandler to reach out to WhiteWater and ask for a new agreement, and because there are newer commissioners, have someone come to the office to present it and explain the services they provide for Freetown.

## **Equipment**

- Discussion to purchase mini excavator. Need to wait until David Thibodeau is at a meeting.

## **Sewer Line Extension**

- Chandler received a copy of the make-up of the Assonet Sewer Line Extension Committee signed by the Board of Selectmen.
- Chandler was told by Cheryl Estrella, Town Clerk, that because there are two Commissioners on the committee a meeting for the FW&SC must be posted.

## **Lien Process Begins for FY2023**

- Chandler will begin his annual lien process by running a report showing customers who have a balance from FY2023. He will send a letter to all who have a balance of \$10.00 or more.

## **Status of:**

- **Chipaway Pump Station. Generator**
  - Bob Parker states that charger has been wired and now everything is complete.
- **Misuse of Hydrants and Town Water Supply**
  - Mark Rosofsky shared a photo of with David Thibodeau that he took of a hydrant where the cap was off and the ground was wet.
    - Clearly someone took water and did not replace the hydrant cap.
    - Mark would like to see a photo of Glen Hogan's hydrant meter daily.
  - Paul Sadeck recommends the FW&SC end the use of hydrants for water.
    - Unlimited Powerwashing needs to install a water line and meter to their building on Janice Marie Way.
    - They are improperly using the hydrant properly and leaving the water system open to contamination.
    - A new service packet was provided to John Mello about a month ago.
  - Commissioners asked Chandler to draft a letter from Commissioners to Glen Hogan notifying him that he may no longer take water from a hydrant without notifying David first.
- **Innovation Way**
  - Bob Parker states that Deb Pettay is working on this with MassDOT.
- **Meter Replacement Project**
  - Paul Sadeck states there are three meters left to replace.
  - Fred's Plumbing has been doing installs with David Thibodeau to finish up this project.

**Executive Session**

- Commissioners not able to go in to ES without discussion with David Thibodeau.

**Sign Bills**

- No bills to sign.

**Abatelements**

- Abatelements for the Freetown Fire Department.
- Abatement for Chris Cabral because the read for one apartment was entered into accounts both apartments when meter was changed.
- Paul Sadeck makes a motion to approve abatelements. Mark Rosofsky 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approve Minutes**

- No minutes to approve.

*Business that came before the Board not reasonably anticipated:*

**Water Quality Report from WhiteWater**

- THM level was over the minimum at one location. Chandler states the summer has been hot and humid which can accelerate the THM production.
- A representative from MassDEP told David Thibodeau that Freetown is still in compliance based on running average for last four quarters.
- David will look at gate valves but he says the 1" meter is not allowing enough water to bleed and 2" meters may have to be installed.

Paul Sadeck makes a motion to adjourn at 11:14AM. Mark Rosofsky 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Chandler

Senior Clerk, Freetown Water & Sewer Commission