



WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 06/17/2016

10:00AM	Meeting called to order by Bob Parker
Members present:	Bob Parker; Paul Sadeck
Staff present:	Jack Healey; Keven Desmarais; Steven Chandler
Guests:	Brent L'Heureux, Airgas USA, Inc.

Bob called the meeting to order at 10:00AM

Brent L'Heureux is the District Manager for Airgas USA, LLC. He has joined the meeting today to discuss the fire suppression system that needs to be designed and installed at the new Airgas location here in Assonet.

- Water pressure is very low, did not pass pressure test, and needs to be addressed by the Freetown Water & Sewer Commission and/or Town of Freetown.
- A new valve needs to be installed which will allow pressure to come up to acceptable level for system at Airgas location as well as other businesses, existing and future, that are planning to come into Town.
- Discussion of upgrading valve temporarily since the filter site needs to be changed and lines added as per DEP.
- Discussion of liability to town and its lack of knowledge of system pressure issues which have been known by the FWSC since 2006.
- Fire Department had no previous knowledge of this issue. (Brent is a Freetown Fire Fighter)
- The cost is prohibitive without a vote from the Townspeople approving funds.
- Airgas project on hold until new valve can be changed.
- Next step is to bring this to the next Board of Selectmen's meeting on June 20, 2016. Brent attending. Invite Ryan Trahan from EPG to discuss logistics and options.

Brent leaves at 10:46AM.

Discussion of Fall River and New Bedford water bills.

- Chandler requested full account history for three water accounts from City of Fall River to determine when interest, adjustments, etc. had begun to be applied. This will help to understand when the FWSC began to get behind in what is owed.
- Chandler compile information and give to Commissioners.
- Information from New Bedford compiled previously.

Narrows Road water line extension project

- Project has been completed.
- New valve, cap, chlorination system.
- Chlorinating done, testing was done, have not received negative results.

Discussion regarding collection of money for outstanding balances.

- Check into laws and regulations regarding shutting off water for balance outstanding.
- Chandler and Keven looking into these laws.

Sign bills.

Bob Parker: Makes motion to adjourn meeting. Paul 2nd. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Friday, June 20, 2016 at 6PM with Board of Selectmen, Council On Aging, Chace Road, East Freetown.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Chandler

Senior Clerk, Freetown Water & Sewer Commission