

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2011

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Tuesday, October 18, 2011. Chairman John A. Mikuszewski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE	Chairman	John A. Mikuszewski
	Clerk	William L. Schenker
	Associate Member	David T. Daly
	Superintendent	Jeffrey A. Cyr
	Legal Counsel	Mark Beauregard

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS: The weekly warrants were signed by all Board Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David T. Daly made a motion to approve the minutes of October 6, 2011. This motion was seconded by William L. Schenker. Motion carried

MORGAN ST GRANBY

WATER MAIN DISCUSSION: Bob Magnusson and Tom Murray from Waste Management, David Desrosiers DPW director for the Town of Granby and Russ Anderson Fire Chief for the Town of Granby attended with concerns of the Fire Hydrant placement along the edge of Morgan St. A letter was written by David Desrosiers to Waste Management regarding this issue as well (see note 1). John A. Mikuszewski began by reading an opening statement regarding the position of the Water Department and the role the Department has played in getting the Morgan St. water main project to the point of construction (see note 2). Bob Magnusson explained to the Board that Waste Management is in the middle of the hydrant issue and would like to seek a resolution in order to keep the project moving forward. David Daly and William Schenker expressed their disgust with the letter that was written by David Desrosiers and felt some of the comments were slanderous and the content of the letter was poor. They both agreed that there would be no movement in the Districts' requirement of 3 feet from the edge of the pavement on Morgan St. David Daly asked Mr. Desrosiers why after 2-1/2 years into the project why he had a problem with the specifications stating the three foot set back requirement, Mr. Desrosiers replied that he hadn't seen the specs. until recently and that he was a busy man. David Desrosiers expressed his personal liability for the hydrants being placed at that distance within the Mass DOT standard for roadway construction he has been following. William Schenker informed everyone he visited various hydrant locations within the town of South Hadley and found the majority to be within the three foot requirement. He also found some hydrants closer than the three foot requirement on Rte 116 and Rte. 202. He also spoke with South Hadley Fire District No.1 Chief Robert Authier and found no objection to the three foot requirement. Chief Russell Anderson found some fault with some the comments presented, but also felt a resolution could be found. Jeffrey Cyr had a meeting with both the Granby Fire Chief and Police Chief prior to the project and both parties had no objection to the placement of the hydrants at that time. Jeffrey Cyr asked David Desrosiers if the Town of Granby had an official set of bylaws/guidelines etc. for roadway construction.

David Desrosiers responded by saying no. John Mikuszewski stated considering the Town of Granby does not have an adopted set of guidelines for roadway construction, the Water Department – Fire District No.1 regulations would need to be adhered to. David Desrosiers expressed concern with the “recovery zone” on the side of the road in which a vehicle has the ability to pull over to the side in the event of a problem and felt the Hydrants would affect that. Jeffrey Cyr stated that the hydrants are proposed to be spaced 500 ft. apart and felt that distance would have no impact on the recovery zone. In addition, Jeffrey Cyr is proposing to paint and install reflective flags on the hydrants to enhance visibility. Mark Beauregard asked David Desrosiers if Mass DOT would issue a variance for the hydrants that are placed within the standard that David follows, would he be comfortable. David responded by saying that if a registered professional engineer from the state and the Granby Board of Selectman signed off on the placement of the hydrants, it would relieve him personally of liability. Mark Beauregard asked David Desrosiers what the distance of the actual right of way was and David estimated 15 ft. Jeffrey Cyr presented various pictures of other obstructions along the side of the roadway (see note 3) and asked David Desrosiers why these were not outside of the DOT standard he was following. David’s response was they were there a long time and would be very difficult to accomplish that. Mark Beauregard asked about the mailboxes along the edge of the road and David’s response was that issue is a separate federal post office set of guidelines. David Desrosiers informed everyone that Waste Management was willing to pave an area in front of every hydrant in order to comply with the Districts’ requirement. William Schenker informed everyone that during his investigation, the OSHA requirement was that Fire Hydrants should be installed in a manner as to prevent a vehicle from parking in front of it. The Board felt this new proposal would increase the chance of a vehicle parking in front of the hydrants. William Schenker asked Bob Magnusson and Mark Beauregard to contact Mass DOT and inquire about the hydrants being located within the roadway layout that is being followed by The DPW. Bob and Mark will stay in contact regarding this issue. William Schenker asked David Desrosiers if Granby’s town counsel reviewed the letter he had written and David responded by saying yes. Jeff will keep the Board informed.

**WILLIMANSETT ST.  
WATER MAIN UPDATE:**

Jeffrey Cyr informed the Board that the Willimansett Street water main project is completed. The final trench paving and loaming and seeding was performed over the past week. The final cost to the Dept. was approx. \$47,000.00

**NANCY KELLUM  
12 CARLTON ST.:**

A discussion was held regarding Nancy and Kenneth Kellum’s request for reimbursement of the \$300.00 deductible they had to pay for the loss of their vehicle as well as a rental vehicle for approximately 3-4 weeks as result of the water main break in front of their home on Sept.18, 2011. The Board denied the rental car request but agreed to pay the \$300.00 as long as release was signed by the Kellums relieving the Dept. of any further responsibility. Jeff will contact the Kellum’s of the decision and have Mark Beauregard draft the General release document. Jeff will update the Board at the next meeting.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:**

The Board granted a day off to the entire staff on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

William L. Schenker made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by David T. Daly.  
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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William L. Schenker, Clerk