

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2012

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Tuesday, November 13, 2012. Chairman William L. Schenker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:	Chairman	William L. Schenker
	Clerk	David T. Daly
	Associate Member	John A. Mikuszewski
	Superintendent	Jeffrey A. Cyr

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: William L. Schenker made a motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2012. This motion was seconded by John A. Mikuszewski. Motion carried

CARLTON STREET WATER MAIN UPDATE: Jeff Cyr updated the Board that the water main project on Carlton Street is complete and is very pleased with how things turned out. The Maintenance crew connected the main to Lathrop Village without any problems. Jeff notified the Board that the total cost of the project was around \$32,000.

REQUEST FOR PLAINS SCHOOL FLYER INSERT: Jeff Cyr informed the Board that the town is putting a vote out to the residence of South Hadley to approve the new building plan for Plains School on Granby Road. Jeff is on the Plains School Building Committee. The committee is asking permission to put an informational brochure in the Water Department bills that go out in January 2013. (See Note 1) The Building Committee did check with the town Attorney Ed Ryan to be sure it was not a conflict of interest for Jeff being on the School Building Committee and District 1 including the brochure in our mailing. We have done this before for the Library Committee and for the South Hadley High School. The Board agreed to insert the mailer in the January 2013 bills.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ORDER FROM D.E.P.: Jeff Cyr notified the Board that he was still waiting for a Notice of Compliance letter from the D.E.P. for the Coliform incident in October. Jeff notified D.E.P. two weeks ago that we are still waiting for the Notice of Compliance and they said we have not received it yet because they are issuing an Administrative Consent Order. The Administrative Consent Order would override the Notice of Compliance and the D.E.P. said because we have had 3 positive samples within two months of a calendar year the order would be issued. The terms of the Order are that we cannot have another positive coliform sample within the next twelve months from July (original positive sample). Jeff also noted to the Board that we have an agreement with the MWRA to receive a .75 residual at the Ludlow

facility at all times. We have had the need to boost the Chlorine at that site in order to maintain good residuals in the system.

With the additional boost in chlorine, it can possibly affect the new Stage 2 disinfection by-product rule for some sites. Jeff noted that we have backed off recently on the chlorine boosting to assist with that concern. The next round of Coliform and DBP samples are scheduled for Monday, November 19, 2012. Jeff will update the Board when he hears back from the D.E.P.

SPRINT/NEXTEL TERMINATION

DISCUSSION:

Jeff Cyr informed the Board that he received a phone call and an e-mail from Justin Corey of Sprint/Nextel that when their lease is up in 2015 they will be non-renewing the Nextel portion on the Alvord Street site. (See Note 2) This will be a loss of \$2,420/month or \$29,040/annually. Nextel is proposing to offer the existing equipment to us for ownership and pay a onetime incentive of \$5,000 to keep the equipment. Nextel is also proposing a one time payment of 50% of the remaining rent upfront to terminate early as opposed to paying monthly through the end of their lease on 7/24/2015. Justin Corey said if we want the equipment they would come in and strip their equipment, which includes a conduit that runs up the side of the tank, radios, and batteries in the 9X12 concrete structure. The Board would like Jeff to contact the Electric Light and Police to see if maybe they have a need for the concrete structure before we make a decision. Jeff said that he has a meeting this Thursday with Metro PCS, as they are interested in increasing their lease space. Jeff will ask Metro PCS if they also may have a need for a shelter and report back to Board his findings.

METRO PCS LEASE ON BOTH WATER TANKS:

Jeff Cyr informed the Board that he has a meeting this Thursday, November 15, 2012 with Metro PCS as they are interested in increasing their lease space at both water tank sites. Jeff stated Metro PCS will revise their lease that will increase the monthly payments if additional space is needed. Jeff will update the Board it this progresses.

PROPOSAL FOR WASHING OF ALVORD ST. TANK:

Jeff Cyr updated the Board that the Alvord St. water tank needs to have the underside of the outer bowl, catwalk, and Main riser washed. Jeff showed the Board pictures of the underneath of the tank showing black marks that run from the catwalk down the underside of the tank. Jeff stated the black marks are almost like mold growth. Jeff received proposals from T.C. Painting in Hatfield, Mass. and National Wash Authority out of Illinois. T.C. Painting bid \$18,000 and National Wash Authority bid \$10,400. The main cost to the project is getting a lift large enough to reach the tank. William L. Schenker made a motion to accept the \$10,400 to have the Alvord Street Water Tank washed. This motion was seconded by David T. Daly. Motion carried

LEAK ON FIRE HYDRANT
ON WEST ST. LUDLOW:

Jeff Cyr informed the Board a leak that was found by Prowler Water on West Street in Ludlow was repaired today by the Maintenance Crew. The leak was on a leaking hyd. tee in front of house 798 West St., Ludlow. With the exception of some difficulty in shutting water down, the repair went very well. Jeff noted that the cost of the repair was close to \$8000.00 due to the size of the pipe and couplings need for the repair.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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David T. Daly, Clerk