

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2013

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Thursday, December 5, 2013. Chairman David T. Daly called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John A. Mikuszewski made a motion to approve the minutes of November 7, 2013. This motion was seconded by William L. Schenker. Motion Carried

INDUSTRIAL DRIVE WATER

TANK REMEDIATION UPDATE: Jeff Cyr provided a presentation to the Board of the remediation work performed at the Industrial Drive Water tank on Tuesday, November 19, 2013. Jeff informed the Board that the tank had a significant amount of sludge along the walls of the bowl and in the bottom of the bowl. Jeff explained to Chris Koren of Worldwide industries that the tank need to be thoroughly cleaned prior to the repairs being made. Chris agreed and with the assistance of the water dept. staff installed a sump pump in the base to remove the water and sediment while the walls were scrubbed and rinsed. This process took approximately seven hours to complete. Following the cleaning, Worldwide ground the corroded areas and applied aquata pox over the disturbed area. Malcomn Nieves, of Infrastructure Technologies Inc. was on-site to inspect the entire process. Following the cleaning and repairs, the tank was chlorinated, sampled for bacteria and placed back in service November 29, 2013.

WATERMAIN BREAK ON  
EAST ST. 11-23-13:

Jeff informed the Board of a significant water main break that occurred on East St. 11-23-13. Jeff presented pictures of a vehicle that had fallen into the leak site and had to be towed prior to repairing the break. Jeff informed the Board that the leak was so significant, that the entire system pressure had been dropped approximately 30 psi. Jeff estimated the cost of the repair at approx. \$2800.00 to the Dept. The majority of the cost was for asphalt paving.

EMPLOYMENT DISCUSSION: The Board reviewed all of the 8 applications for the new maintenance position. Following the review, it was determined there were three candidates that qualified with the requirements listed in the job posting. The three candidates are as follows: Edward Lavalley, Andrew Bristol, and Brad Couture. William L. Schenker requested that interviews be conducted for the candidates. The Board agreed on the date of Wednesday, December 11th in order to conduct those interviews.

FIRE DISTRICT NO.1 TAX RATE: Jeff informed the Board that Monica Walton, Treasurer/clerk for Fire District No.1, had requested that Jeff inform the Board of the upcoming tax rate for Fire District No.1. The Fire District Tax was increasing approximately 7.5%. The two factors that contribute to this increase is (1) that the entire District's value decreased by approximately 5-1/2% as a result of the recent re-evaluation performed by the Town of South Hadley and (2) the Fire Dept. budget increased by 2-1/2%. The impact of this increase would depend on the actual evaluation amount of each property.

REQUEST FROM SOUTH HADLEY YOUTH COMMISSION/ RECREATION: Jeff was contacted by the South Hadley Youth Commission regarding donating water for a skating rink proposed for the beech grounds this winter season. Jeff stated that the water would be drawn from a fire hydrant in order to flood the rink quicker. After a brief discussion, David T. Daly made a motion to grant the request. This motion was seconded by William L. Schenker. Motion Carried

MOTION TO ADJOURN: William L. Schenker made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by John A. Mikuszewski. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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John A. Mikuszewski, Clerk