

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING OF August 22, 2019

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Thursday August 22, 2019. William L. Schenker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairman	William L. Schenker
Clerk	R. Scott Williams
Associate Member	Stephanie K. Wall
Superintendent	Jeffrey A. Cyr

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: R. Scott Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of July 3, 2019. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Wall. Motion Carried

UPDATE ON GRANBY  
WATER LINE ISSUE:

Jeff Cyr informed the Board he had recently held a meeting on July 30th with Chris Martin, Town Administrator for the town of Granby, Jay Joyce, Chair of the Granby Select Board, Keith Lincoln from Chappell Engineering and Tony Da Cruz from Tighe and Bond Engineering regarding the proposed water line project. The topics of the meeting were to discuss the overall design and scope of the project. Keith Lincoln said the Mass DOT project Phase 1 is from Dartmouth St. South Hadley to High St. in Granby. The Town of Granby would like the water line to extend all the way to the intersection of West State St and Pleasant St.(five corners). Jeff informed the Board that the town of Granby has agreed to hire Tighe and Bond to perform a hydraulic model of the proposed area to be fed to be sure the District can supply water to the proposed areas. In addition, Tighe and Bond has been hired to perform a peer review of the proposed water main layout including a bridge crossing. Jeff has told the town of Granby that we will require a water service to be installed at every parcel along the proposed water main and the fees will need to be paid as well at \$2000.00 per parcel. Additionally, Jeff has concerns regarding the amount of customers that will actually tie on to the new line in order to ensure circulation through the new main. Jeff is still waiting to hear from the MWRA regarding the 100,000 gallons language in our amended agreement with the MWRA. Once Jeff hears back, it will be necessary to meet with both Wilbraham and Chicopee's Boards to discuss the proposed expansion. Jeff will keep the Board updated.

SUSAN AVE WATER  
MAIN UPDATE:

Jeff informed the Board that the Susan Ave. project is coming along well. The entire water main has been installed, pressure tested and Chlorinated. We will begin connecting the water services next week and finish paving following that. Jeff is hopeful the project will be completed within the 4-6 week timeframe.

RECENT WATER MAIN

BREAKS DISCUSSION: Jeff informed the Board there have been four significant water main breaks within the past month. They occurred on Graves St. Brainerd St., Searle Rd. and Laurie Avenue. All of the breaks resulted in significant water loss. Stephanie Wall asked if all of the mains in the streets were installed around the same time. Jeff estimated the mains were within 5-10 years of each other. Jeff mentioned that when we improve mains in other areas of town, other water mains get affected.

DISTRICT AUDIT: Jeff informed the Board that Scanlon Associates is performing a required audit on the District. As part of that audit, Tom Scanlon inquired to Jeff about the remaining funds from the 0% loan we received from the MWRA and the timeframe to use those funds. Jeff reached out to Kristen Hall from the MWRA for clarification and will inform the Board at the next meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: William Schenker made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by R. Scott Williams Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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R. Scott Williams, Clerk