

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Wednesday, November 4, 2015. Chairman William L. Schenker called the meeting to order at 4:30 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: David T. Daly made a motion to approve the minutes of October 5, 2015. This motion was seconded by John A. Mikuszewski. Motion Carried

**NEWTON ST. WATER
MAIN DISCUSSION:** Jeff Cyr reported to the Board the Attorney General was consulted for approval of the installation of a new water main on 500 feet of road on Newton Street. Jeff was informed that DCAM approval was necessary for all emergency contracts, which Jeff has received from them. Mass. D.O.T. required a revised bond for the new water main and it was obtained through GEG Construction. Jeff discovered that the State would allow a double trench for the Water Department to get their own bond for the project and would be good for three years.. Jeff expressed to the Board that the Maintenance Crew could have done the work but after speaking to Gill at GEG, it was discovered that they were planning to start work as early as Monday, November 9th and had already put us into their schedule. Jeff asked Gill at GEG to provide a quote for the work; he provided a quote of \$73, 975 which is less than the original estimate of \$81,655 due to the use of C-909 pipe and not inclusive of police detail. Jeff assured the Board that a member of the water department crew will be on site while the work is being done. Jeff will keep the Board updated as things progress.

**PLAINS SCHOOL
DISCUSSION:** Jeff Cyr communicated to the Board that the new Plains School committee is looking to the Board for permission to use a service feeding the yellow Hydrant located by the ball field for future irrigation of the field. Jeff stated a design error underestimated how much pressure was needed for irrigation of the new grounds as well as the ball field. Jeff noted the yellow hydrant is a 4" service that is not used by the Fire Department for fire suppression. Jeff stated the hydrant would be metered and backflow installed. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to allow usage of the service along Granby Road by the school.

- FULTON/DAYTON ST.
WATER MAIN UPDATE:

Jeff Cyr reported to the Board that the new water main project is complete and paving was done last week. Jeff informed the Board that during construction we hit a gas main on Dayton Street. Wayne Walton took pictures as the gas line was only 1 foot deep. Jeff stated that he received a bill from Columbia Gas for \$935 for the repair of the gas line that was hit. In the past there has been a mutual understanding of repairing each other’s utility at no cost. Jeff reported that the gas service was very shallow. Jeff will keep to Board updated.
- PRUDENTIAL MEETING:

Jeff informed the Board that the Prudential Committee would like to hold a special meeting on Monday, November 30, 2015 for approval of additional funding for legal purposes.
- HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

The Board granted the day after Thanksgiving off and the entire day of Christmas Eve off. The staff will work the normal half day on New Years’ Eve.
- NEW PICK-UP TRUCK
UPDATE:

Jeff Cyr reported to the Board the new Pick-up Truck is having wiring done for the plow and hopefully will be delivered sometime next week.
- ABATEMENT FOR
8 GRAVES STREET:

Jennifer Fernandes informed the Board that the Town of South Hadley held an auction for 8 Graves Street, as they owned the property per tax title. The auction only netted the Town \$5000 for the property and they were in debt for over \$40,000 for back taxes. Per our legal counsel Mark Beauregard because the Town did not recoup the entire amount of back taxation for the property we would not receive the \$55.90 in outstanding water bill(s). The Board approved and signed the Abatement for \$55.90.
- HYDRANT REPAIR
ON PIPELINE:

Jeff Cyr informed the Board our Maintenance Crew repaired a leaking hydrant tee located on New Ludlow Road, Granby. The Crew has repaired the lead joint a few times leading up to today’s work of actually removing and replacing the entire tee with new pipe and couplings. They were able to have the water back on for residents within a short period of time.
- MOTION TO ADJOURN:

John A. Mikuszewski made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by David T. Daly.

Motion carried
- ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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David T. Daly, Clerk