

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 26, 2016

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Tuesday, July 26, 2016. 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: William L. Schenker made a motion to approve the minutes of June 30, 2016. This motion was seconded by John A. Mikuszewski.                                      Motion Carried

WASHINGTON AVE.  
WATER MAIN UPDATE: Jeff Cyr reported to the Board that the water main replacement project on Washington Avenue is complete. The total cost of the project was \$49,517 including paving.

VARIABLE FREQUENCY  
DRIVE FOR BOOSTER PUMP  
AT LUDLOW STATION: Jeff Cyr reported to the Board that he contacted Associated Electrical Mechanical and was able to purchase a Variable Frequency Drive for the Booster Pump in Ludlow at a cost of \$9,431.53. The new Variable Frequency Drive was installed last Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and is working better than the old one. There is still some fine tuning with the Scada system that Ron Smith from Tighe and Bond needs to do. Jeff will keep the Board updated.

NEWTON STREET WATER  
MAIN BREAKS 7/2/16, 7/8/16: Jeff Cyr informed the Board that there was a water main break at 507 Newton Street, July 2, 2016 on the 6" cast iron pipe in front of Cumberland Farms. On July 8, 2016 there was another 12" water main break at 344 Newton Street, in front of Sweet Peas Tailoring. The pipe at 344 Newton Street was 12 feet down in the ground and was problematic. An excavator was required to reach the depth and rented a trench box. The gas service for Sweet Peas was compromised when the blacktop cave in on the gas line which delayed fixing the break by 4 hours. Jeff stated that normally flowable fill is required on Newton Street but it was late at night so 160 yards of regular fill was used. Jeff contacted Mass DOT to notify them of the situation and asked if we will have to bond the patch. Jeff will contact our new insurance company, Jubinville Insurance about bonding the patch. The maintenance crew paved the break on July 21<sup>st</sup> to allow the fill to settle. William L. Schenker brought up that with the recent problems on Newton Street maybe we should start actively looking at replacing that water main sooner rather than later. Jeff Cyr did contact our State Representative, John Scibak and asked if he could help us with possible funding sources. John informed Jeff we would attend a

future meeting in the future. Jeff noted that we currently qualify through the MWRA for a \$1.5 million dollar interest free loan that could help replacing the Newton Street water main. The Board agreed that we need to look into this in the near future. Jeff will contact Tighe and Bond to have them put together an estimate of the costs.

DEP SANITARY  
SURVEY 7/25/2016:

Jeff noted that Daniel Kurpaska of the Mass DEP was here to conduct our 3-year Sanitary Survey. He went through our master plan, our pipe type, and our goals. He said everything looked good and suggested we have a residential policy for backflow testing. Jeff noted we currently have over 1000 residential backflows and would require full time work for 1 man in the spring/summer. Jeff will send a revised copy of our master plan to DEP and we should be getting a compliance letter from them in the future.

LEAD AND COPPER  
SAMPLING UPDATE:

Jeff Cyr noted all 30 homes passed the lead and copper tests. The 2 schools, Plains Elementary and Brighter Beginnings also passed the test. Jeff was required to send out letters to all the homes and schools notifying them of the results as well as a certification form along with the letters to DEP.

REQUEST FROM  
RICHARD HARRIS:

Jeff Cyr stated that he received a request from the town planner, Richard Harris for a cost estimate for materials for water main replacement on Gaylord Street. The town is applying for a Mass Works Project grant. Jeff composed a letter informing the Town Administrator, Mike Sullivan, that the water main is in need of an upgrade. The Board signed the letter and Jeff will deliver to Mr. Harris.

QUABBIN WATER:

Jeff Cyr noted that Quabbin has issued a press release that as of July 1, the reservoir is at 90 % capacity. Jeff remarked that for the month of June our Water Department is up 32% in water consumption over last year. Jeff also noted that with the dry weather we are currently using approximately 2.2 million gallons a day.

LETTER FROM  
BRESNAHAN INSURANCE:

Jeff Cyr stated we received a letter from Bresnahan Insurance Agency thanking us for our years with them and they commended the Superintendent and the staff for running efficient operation. (See Note 1).

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

John A. Mikuszewski made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by William L. Schenker

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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John A. Mikuszewski, Clerk