

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2017

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Thursday, March 23, 2017. Clerk John A. Mikuszewski 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 February 2, 2017. This motion was seconded by William L. Schenker. Motion Carried

NEWTON STREET UPDATE:

Jeff Cyr updated the Board that he and Tony DeCruz from Tighe and Bond Engineering walked Newton Street on March 1, 2017. Jeff reported that one of the potential challenges with Newton Street may be the 2 ponds that are located across from 7 Eleven and next to the High School. John A. Mikuszewski asked if there is a possibility the ponds could be a dam, as is the case with Leaping Wells on Granby Road. Jeff stated that he will be sure to address that question to Tony DeCruz. Jeff also noted that the water main is not consistently along the edge of the road and we may have to cross the road to install new main. Jeff handed out a draft copy to the Board to review from Tighe and Bond of the work involved, timeline and scheduling of the project, minus the costs. Jeff mentioned that he would like to obtain funds in November 2017, and then start construction within 90 days. Jeff will keep the Board updated.

AT&T LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MD7:

Jeff informed the Board that he has received a revised lease agreement from MD7, who is negotiating for AT&T on the Alvord Street tank. AT&T is looking to reduce the monthly amount they pay us from \$2600 to \$2000 and reducing the percentage of increase from 15% to 5% after 5 years. The other offer from AT&T is a lump sum of \$275,000 with a 50 year easement on the tank. Jeff noted that they stated the reasoning for the decrease is they have to install Pods on top of telephone poles to handle to amount of data customers are using. John A. Mikuszewski suggested offering \$2400 a month with 5% increases after 5 years as that tower is a prime location. William L. Schenker suggested we start at \$2200 a month with 5% increases. After a discussion amongst the Board, it was agreed that we should start negotiations at \$2200 a month with 5% increases so we do not lose the income. Jeff will contact MD7 and get back to the Board with the findings.

LEAPING WELLS RESERVOIR

ACCESS DISCUSSION:

Jeff reported back to the Board about getting a fence put up on the Raymond Center side to deter people from getting to the reservoir. Jeff stated that there is no way of putting up a fence without cutting a lot of trees down. After a brief discussion Jeff Cyr suggested saturating that area with aluminum signs up and down the bank along the Raymond Center side of reservoir. Jeff will look into prices and report back to the Board.

BRITTANY RD. WATER

MAIN PROJECT:

Jeff Cyr informed the Board that the water main project for Brittany Road was slated to start this week but because of the snow storm on March 14th they will start grinding the road on March 30th. Jeff noted that Brittany Road area is sandy and the sewers are approximately 8 to 9 feet deep.

MWRA MEETING

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QUABBIN:

Jeff said he attended a meeting today at Quabbin for the MWRA regarding power and security upgrades the MWRA is paying for on the Fish Hatchery for the Swift River. Jeff stated that there was a 20" pipeline of untreated water that is also a hydro-electric to feed the hatchery for the Swift River to help the fish. Jeff also noted that the screens that clear debris prior to the intake pipe going to the CVA are deteriorated and need replacement. The assembly is approx. 40 years old. The screens are approximately 70 feet deep in front of the dam and will take 2 weeks to complete. There will be two shot downs on the CVA for the work. The construction is slated to start in April at a cost of 1.4 million to the CVA communities.

LLOYD STREET

WATER MAIN BREAK:

Jeff informed the Board there was a water main break on Lloyd Street on March 9, 2017. The break affected the area of Parkview, W. Parkview, Ashton and Blueberry Bend as the water main goes through the woods to those streets and is the only feed.

OPEN MEETING LAW

CLASS:

Jeff informed the Board he and Jennifer Fernandes will attend a class on Public Record Law and Open Meeting Law on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at the Summit View Banquet and Meeting House in Holyoke, Ma.

OPEB MEETING:

Jeff Cyr informed the Board he and Treasurer, Monica Walton will attend an OPEB informational meeting on April 12, 2017 in Sterling, MA.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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John A. Mikuszewski, Clerk