

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2019

REGULAR MEETING: The joint meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners with the Prudential Committee was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Thursday, June 20, 2019. Chairman Bruce H. Perron called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

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

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Chairman	Bruce H. Perron
Associate Member	Kevin E. Taugher
Temporary Treasurer/Clerk	Ira Brezinsky
Fire Chief	Robert Authier

JOINT MEETING W/ PRUDENTIAL
COMMITTEE REGARDING THE
TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT FOR
THE VACANT SEAT ON THE
PRUDENTIAL BOARD:

Bruce H. Perron opened the meeting by stating there are 2 candidates for the open seat on the Prudential Committee; John Wojciechowski and Tammy O'Neill. Kevin E. Taugher noted he felt as though there would be a conflict of interest for Tammy O'Neill and asked if she had a family member who worked for the District. Tammy O'Neill responded that yes she has a daughter that is a call firefighter. Kevin E. Taugher then asked if her daughter is engaged to one of the District employees, to which she responded yes. William L. Schenker thanked Tammy O'Neill for showing interest to be a Prudential Board member, but he felt John Wojciechowski has been to several Board meetings and that he showed great interest in the District rolls whether on the Water or Prudential Boards. Kevin E. Taugher also applauded John Wojciechowski for his attendance and interest in the District Boards. Ira Brezinsky handed out ballots to the Board members to vote for a new Prudential Board member. Ira Brezinsky read ballot results: 5 votes for John Wojciechowski; 0 votes Tammy O'Neill. Bruce H. Perron made a motion to nominated John Wojciechowski for the Prudential Committee. This motion was seconded by William L. Schenker. Motion Carried

DISTRICT BY-LAW
CHANGES/UPDATES:

William L. Schenker suggested the Boards consider updating the Districts By-Laws as he feels they are out of date and could use a good revision. The Board members agreed and Jeff Cyr suggested the District have an outside source/company help with the revisions. Jeff Cyr noted that the Town recently updated their By-laws and used an outside source. R. Scott Williams noted that most communities have their By-laws on their websites. Bruce H. Perron

suggested the heads of the Departments, Jeff Cyr and Bob Authier coordinate and work on compiling revisions and suggestions of new By-Laws.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
JOINT MEETING:**

Kevin E. Taugher made a motion to adjourn the joint meeting, which was seconded by William L. Schenker. Motion Carried

**RE-CONVENE BOARD
OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:**

R. Scott Williams made a motion to re-convene to the Water Department Board of Water Commissioners meeting. This motion was seconded by William L. Schenker. Motion Carried

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 May 28, 2019 and May 30, 2019. This motion was seconded by R. Scott Williams. Motion Carried

**WATER MAIN BREAK ON
SCHOOL STREET 6/4/2019:**

Jeff Cyr informed the Board there was a water main break on June 4th at 2:00 a.m. and wasn't immediately noticed. The SCADA system didn't detect a leak until the Alvord Street water tank went down 5 feet in a short amount of time. Jeff noted the collar on the pipe broke and pressure was constant so it was not noticed right away. Jeff showed the Board pictures of the break that was on the 8" AC pipe; the collar broke and made a big hole in front of a customer that had sustained a lot of damage during a previous break at that same spot. Jeff also noted there was another water main break on Bolton Street last night, the corrosive clay in the Falls area is wreaking havoc on the Ductile Iron pipe in that area. Jeff also updated that the Maintenance Crew has been very busy this week there have been service leaks every day. Maria Drive, Berwyn Street and Maple Street have all had service leaks this week.

NEW BACKHOE UPDATE:

Jeff Cyr updated the Board that we have received 3 firms that have asked for bid specs for the purchase of a new Backhoe; JCB Northland, Milton Caterpillar and Schmidt John Deere. The bid opening is July 1st at 2:00 p.m. Jeff noted we are trading our old Backhoe in at about one third of the price we paid and it is 16 years old. William L. Schenker applauded the Department saying that is most likely because they keep their vehicles in great shape.

**MASS WORKS GRANT
THROUGH THE TOWN
ON LYMAN STREET:**

Jeff Cyr informed the Board the Town of South Hadley is applying for another Mass Works Grant which will involve roadway, water line, and sidewalk improvements along Lyman Street from Washington Street to Rt. 116. Jeff composed a letter for the Board to sign for the Town Administrator, Mike Sullivan. The letter states we are in support of plans to replace and upgrade the antiquated infrastructure in that area. (See Note 1)

LEAD AND COPPER
SAMPLES:

Jeff informed the Board that we have completed the Lead and Copper samples from the 30 homes. Jeff noted so far 2 customer's samples have been certified and they had higher than allowed lead levels. Jeff noted that we are only allowed 2 samples to be out of the allowed range. Jeff will keep the Board updated as he hears about the rest of the samples once they have been certified.

DISCUSSION W/ GRANBY
SELECTBOARD AND TOWN
ADMINISTRATOR REGARDING
WATER SUPPLY:

In attendance were Granby Town Administrator, Christopher Martin, Granby Select Board Members, Glen Sexton, Jay Joyce and Jennifer Silva. From the MWRA (Mass Water Resource Authority) Beth Card, Director of Environmental and Regulatory Affairs and Sean Navin, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. William L. Schenker opened up the meeting by stating he and the Board would like to help Granby any way they can to get water. Granby Town Administrator, Chris Martin stated he is happy to be here with the Board and MWRA and is looking for water from the Water Dept. and MWRA. Chris Martin stated the Town of Granby is not looking to put together a new Water Department; they are simply looking to get water from South Hadley to help new and existing businesses. Chris Martin stated that Granby is coordinating with the Mass D.O.T. projects to upgrade roads and sidewalks in the future. Chris Martin stated that Mass D.O.T. told Granby they can use the opportunity when the road is dug up to lay pipe for future use. Mr. Martin noted they have received plans from Chapel Engineering to do the project in 3 Phases. Phase 1 proposal is to run pipe from the where South Hadley turns into Granby on Rt. 202 up to 5 corners in Granby. Phase 2 proposal is to run pipe down Pleasant Street toward Morgan Street in Granby where we already have the existing homes on our system. Phase 3 proposal would bring the pipe down East Street to New Ludlow Road. Beth Card stated the MWRA would need to know what the volumes of water are to predict how Granby should precede. Beth Card talked about the special Legislation that was written in 2010 specifically for the homes on Morgan Street in Granby that had contaminated wells allegedly from the Town dump. Beth stated that the Legislation is written so that a single service or connection could be done if the proposed customer has an emergency. The legislation essentially allows all three CVA communities (South Hadley, Chicopee, and Wilbraham) in an emergency to tie into the affected communities on a permanent basis. Otherwise Granby would have to apply and pay an entrance fee to the MWRA and get permission from the CVA communities. Jeff Cyr noted that Granby would also have to do a hydraulic model along with putting in the necessary service connections for each property, as the engineering plans do not show any of this. Jeff also noted that the culverts in the road are a challenge as well. Jay Joyce of Granby stated the Board recently had a meeting with Mass D.O.T. and they have put off doing a portion of the road/sidewalk improvement till 2022, so he felt confident they would have enough time to do the necessary work beforehand. Mr. Joyce also noted that the Engineering Firm would have the number of houses and buildings so they can better see what the potential volumes of water would be. Jeff Cyr suggested Granby get the consumption numbers for each of the Phases, have the service

connections on the plans, have a hydraulic model done and get what Mass D.O.T. is stating they will help out with in writing. Beth Card stated she will wait to hear from either Jeff Cyr or Chris Martin for these consumption numbers before they will better be able to tell Granby what their next step is.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

William L. Schenker made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by R. Scott Williams. Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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R. Scott Williams, Clerk