

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR & JOINT MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2014

JOINT MEETING: The joint meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners with the Prudential Committee was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Thursday, February 6, 2014. Chairman David T. Daly called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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| ATTENDANCE | Chairman | David T. Daly |
| | Clerk | John A. Mikuszewski |
| | Associate Member | William L. Schenker |
| | Superintendent | Jeffrey A. Cyr |
| | PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE | |
| | Chairman | Kevin Taugher |
| | Clerk | Gregory Sheehan |
| | Associate Member | Raymond Miner |
| | Fire Chief | Robert Authier |
| | Treasurer | Monica Walton |

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 January 16, 2014. This motion was seconded by John A. Mikuszewski. Motion carried

E-WASTE INSERT REQUEST
FROM SUSAN KING: Jeff Cyr presented to the Board the E-Waste insert flyer (See Note 1) Susan King from South Hadley High School is asking us to insert into our bills for the April 2014 billing. Jeff reminded the Board that this insert does not affect our postage costs at all. The Board agreed to help out the High School Band & Choir fundraiser by allowing the insert into our bills for April.

JOINT MEETING W/
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
6:45 p.m.:

Chief Robert Authier presented the 2 Boards with the Fire Departments proposed budget for FY 14/15 (See Note 2). Chief Authier discussed some areas where the budget went up slightly and some went down. Fuel budget for the Ambulance went down \$8000 due to review of history and Medical Supplies budget was increased \$8000 due to price increases for replacement of supplies. Chief Authier also noted that the remaining roof replacement of \$40,000 will be done FY14 so for FY15 \$40,000 will be added to a Vehicle stabilization to save for future ambulance purchase. Kevin Taugher discussed one of the biggest issues for the Fire Department is Ambulance receipts. Kevin noted that he just received a report from Medcomp, the company that bills Ambulance receipts for the Fire Dept. and because most Insurance companies only pay a percentage of an Ambulance call, the Fire Department is only seeing about a 40% return for their bills. Kevin said this is due to what the Insurance companies will pay for a call. Kevin noted that this is the reason why a lot of Ambulance rates in communities have had to be raised, because most Ambulance services are losing money. Kevin also stated that as clientele shift toward government funded programs this issue will only continue to get worse.

Jeff Cyr also presented the 2 Boards with the Water Departments proposed budget for FY 14-15 (See Note 3) and Summary of Explanation for Water Department Budget (See Note 4). Gregory Sheehan opened a discussion regarding raises for the Water/Fire District employees. Greg stated that until they have their free cash figure from the Treasurer they really cannot predict how the raises would affect the new proposed budget. Greg stated that he feels that if the Water Board feels the Water Department employees should receive 3% and the Prudential Board decides differently that the Board should go ahead and vote on it and Prudential Board would decide when they get all the figures to finalize the budget.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
MEETING WITH**

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Kevin Taugher made a motion to adjourn their portion of the meeting, which was seconded by Gregory Sheehan. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT FROM

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Meeting with Prudential Committee adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners continued at 7:45 p.m.

BUDGET APPROVAL: After a brief discussion about the Water Department budget. David T. Daly made a motion to approve the FY15 budget inclusive of a 3% raise for all Water Department employees, which was seconded by William L. Schenker. Motion carried

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

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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John A. Mikuszewski, Clerk