

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Monday, September 28, 2015. Chairman William L. Schenker called the meeting to order at 4:00 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: John A. Mikuszewski made a motion to approve the minutes of September 3, 2015. This motion was seconded by David T. Daly. Motion Carried

NEWTON ST. WATER
MAIN DISCUSSION:

Jeff Cyr reported to the Board that the DPW is currently replacing a sewer line approximately 600 Ft. on Newton Street. On Monday, September 21st a 4" main broke at 4:30 pm due to settlement along the sewer trench due to the fact that it is 12ft. deep. On Tuesday, September 22nd, a 6" Water main broke 8:30 pm, again due to settlement. Jeff also reported there were leaks on the water services for House #470 and House #468. These were not associated with the sewer work. On Wednesday, September 23rd 8" A.C pipe cracked again as a result of settlement resulting in water flowing through the stone of the sewer work and into the new sewer man hole. The crack was immediately repaired by our staff. Due to the fact that there were so many issues within that area of the distribution system, Jeff Cyr spoke to Gil Gomes of GEG Construction, who is currently doing the sewer work for the DPW about installing a new 12" water main inclusive of all appurtenances approximately 500 ft. within the section of Newton Street, to eliminate trouble spots, have the ability to shut the water down in the future and eliminate the need to open the roadway again. The Board agreed that we should install new water main and appurtenances in the 500 feet of roadway while the road is already disturbed. Jeff received a bid from GEG Construction for \$81,655.00 not including police detail to do the necessary repairs and valve installation on the 500 ft. of Newton Street. Gil Gomes of GEG Construction told Jeff his crew would be able to have the work done in about a week and GEG would assume responsibility within the pavement if there were any settlement issues. Jeff also did some research into if our crew did the work themselves, the cost of materials would be around \$33,000 but we would have to assume the risk and responsibility for future settlement problems. We also would not be able to do the work right away as the crew is currently working on Fulton and Dayton Streets water main replacement. William Schenker discussed the possibility of borrowing the money from the MWRA for a short period of time with no interest, in order to minimize impact the current budget. Jeff Cyr said he would speak with Carl Leone from the MWRA tomorrow and ask about borrowing the money. Jeff also noted that he spoke to Town Administrator, Mike Sullivan about the possibility of the town issuing a change order to the contractor and drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the town stating the Water

Department – Fire District No.1 would pay the cost of the water improvements. Both Mike Sullivan and Jim Reidy were receptive to that idea. Jeff will report back to the Board upon his findings.

**FAULTY WATER
METERS:**

Jeff Cyr informed the Board that during our billing period the office staff was working the exception reports and found a few accounts that the usage seemed low, due to the fact that sprinklers were in use during the dry summer. The Maintenance crew changed a few of the meters out and Jeff tested them back in the shop and found 2 of the meters were skipping and sticking as water was going through it. Jeff estimated that it was most likely only recording about 1/3rd of the water moving through the meter. Jeff asked Jennifer Fernandes to produce the FY 16 2nd Quarter water commitment report and found approximately 10 million gallon difference between what we have billed this quarter and what the MWRA says we have registered. Jeff suspects that some of these meters may be what is causing our water deficit. Jeff will be attending an Unaccounted for Water Class on October 7, 2015 in Sharon, MA and will present this information as part of the discussion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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David T. Daly, Clerk