

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 28, 2010
MEETING ROOM 014**

Present: Jeff Weise, Jared Adams, Dennis Ferreira,
Doug Valovcin, and Ron Sharpin

Meeting began at 6:30pm

ENTERPRISE FUND

The Town Accountant, David Nalchajian, informed the board that there are no major accounting issues involved in converting to an ENTERPRISE FUND. He has worked with them previously.

There are 700 ENTERPRISE FUNDS in Massachusetts and one-half to two-thirds are in water departments. It is considered to be a more precise accounting of the departments.

The DEP was consulted on the benefits of having an ENTERPRISE FUND. While not required by the DEP, it is looked upon favorably if the department has the fund especially when grants are involved.

The board listed the following as reasons to go to an ENTERPRISE FUND now:

- Infrastructure repairs
- SRF
- Grant money
- Stimulus money
- Auction of items that were purchased by the Water Department

After reviewing the statute, Mr. Adams told the board about some of the advantages. When applying for grants, the grantors want to know that the money will ONLY be used by the Water Department. Depreciation of equipment is available with an ENTERPRISE FUND.

Mr. Weise informed that other board members that the Selectmen have agreed to co-sponsor the ENTERPRISE FUND article on the warrant, but they may not vote in favor unless they know the justification for the change in the accounting system.

INDIRECT COSTS OF ENTERPRISE FUND

Mr. Adams had previously conferred with Paul LeBeau about the indirect costs for the Town of Holliston and the Holliston Water Department. They determined that the Water Department's indirect costs would be about \$60,000.00 and the town's indirect cost would be about \$40,000.00.

Mr. Ferreira recommended that the board go forward with the ENTERPRISE FUND article, but wants the board to meet with the Finance Committee prior to the Town Meeting to insure that the committee understands the reasons for the fund and that the department wants the support of the committee.

Mr. Weise made a motion: **“Motion to go forward with the request for the ENTERPRISE FUND at the Fall Town Meeting”**

Mr. Adams seconded the motion.

Mr. Ferreira, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Ferreira voted in favor of the motion.

The board will request to get on the Finance Committee’s agenda before the Town Meeting.

PRESENTATIONS/HANDOUTS AT TOWN MEETING

Mr. Sharpin will make a presentation about the sodium versus potassium article at the Town Meeting.

Mr. Weise will make a presentation about the “pluses” for the ENTERPRISE FUND at the Town Meeting.

A handout which states the seven reasons to go an ENTERPRISE FUND will be made available at the Town Meeting.

WATER PIPE REPLACEMENT

Mr. Sharpin indicated that the consultants conducting an Asset Management Survey do not have specific information on which streets will need pipe replacement first.

SOUTH STREET FLUSHING – STATUS

The department will flush hydrants on South Street on September 30 and October 1, 2010. They are currently flushing in the Post Office area.

KP SYSTEMS – UPDATE

The board wants to speak with other customers of KP SYSTEMS concerning their experiences with the metering system.

MINUTES REVIEW

No minutes were reviewed by the board.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

NONE

INVOICES AND CHANGE ORDERS

Invoices and change orders were signed at the meeting.

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Mr. Weise made a motion: **“Motion to adjourn”**

Mr. Adams seconded the motion.

Mr. Adams, Mr. Ferreira, and Mr. Weise voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next BWC meeting – October 6, 2010 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Keating

Clerk

Approved 12/15/10 as written