

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
JULY 23, 2013
MEETING ROOM 105**

Present: Dave Keating, Jared Adams, Doug Valovcin, Ron Sharpin
Brian Antonioli did not attend

Present: Fire Chief Mike Cassidy, Andrea Minahan, Elizabeth Greendale,
Paul LeBeau

MEETING BEGAN AT 3:15pm.

OUTDOOR WATERING BAN

The Board of Water Commissioners scheduled an emergency Board of Water Commissioners meeting to decide if a change to the existing water ban in Holliston was needed or alternative water sourcing was required because of an electrical problem at Well #6.

Mr. LeBeau immediately questioned the procedure for calling for an emergency board meeting just because of a possibility of ordering a mandatory outdoor water ban. He said that ‘wanting an update on the situation’ does not constitute the need for an emergency meeting.

Mr. Keating responded that there might be a different form of water ban than no outside watering, and/or that if water needed to be purchased from Milford, the water purchase would require a vote by the Board of Water Commissioners.

Mr. Keating explained that the situation encountered two weeks ago was slightly different than today – while the tanks levels are lower than they were two weeks ago, repairs had been made to Well #6 by 11:30 AM. The discussion moved to how to achieve satisfactory water tank levels in a timely manner.

The group discussed the possibility that water could be purchased from Milford Water Company and/or Town of Ashland. Dave Condry, Manager of Milford Water Company, told Mr. Sharpin that he would be ready to help. While Mr. Sharpin has spoken to the Town Manager of Ashland, there is no current agreement in place with Milford or Ashland for water purchase. Mr. Sharpin plans to send a “draft” agreement between Milford and Holliston to Mr. Keating for review.

Mr. Valovcin said that the DEP limits the amount of time that wells can be continuously run without being “manned.” He will schedule overtime for employees so that the well and Treatment Plant could run for longer hours. Because the well was not on-line until

11:30am today, it could run into the evening tonight. Other scheduled Water Department tasks might have to be re-scheduled to a later date.

Chief Cassidy suggested investigating whether Mutual Aid Compact could help with personnel to man the well. Mr. Valovcin said it works for help with supplying parts, but not usually for personnel assistance.

Mr. LeBeau expressed his reluctance to put a message on BLACKBOARD again so soon after the town has posted a message earlier in the month for the mandatory outdoor water ban.

MANDATORY OUTDOOR WATERING BAN DECISION

After listening to the discussion, no change to the current water ban was made.

Mr. Valovcin will contact the on-call System Operator to inform him to extend the run-time of the well tonight since it wasn't started up until 11:30am today. Run-time will also be extended on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Sampling could be accommodated during this week. Schedules for personnel would be adjusted as needed in the upcoming days.

Chief Cassidy and Mr. LeBeau left at 4:10pm.

The Board discussed the possibility of a shift change for Systems Operators this week. The Board also discussed the impact of violations of the current Outdoor Water Ban that prohibits the use of irrigation systems on Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays.

DOCUMENTS

None

Mr. Keating made a motion: **"Motion to adjourn"**

Mr. Adams seconded the motion.

Mr. Keating and Mr. Adams voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.

Next BWC meeting – Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Keating

Clerk

Approved 8/7/13 as written