

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
APRIL 24, 2013  
MEETING ROOM 105**

Present: Brian Antonioli, Jeff Weise, Jared Adams  
Ron Sharpin, Doug Valovcin

Present: Jay Leary

**Meeting began at 6:00pm.**

**TUESDAY EVENING HOURS**

The board reviewed the transaction totals from Tuesday evening hours for the Water Department office.

Mr. Weise made a motion: **“Motion that the Water Department cease the Tuesday evening hours effective May 1, 2013 due to lack of public interest, and revert to the established Water Department week day office hours at that time”**

**Mr. Adams seconded the motion.**

**Mr. Antonioli questioned Mr. Leary about the future plans for the continuation of Tuesday evening operating hours at the Town Hall. Mr. Leary was unable to confirm that the hours would continue through the summer or that they would continue into the Fall.**

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

**WELL #4**

Mr. Sharpin update the Board on the following progress on the project at the Well #4 Treatment Plant:

Hungerford & Terry were on-site checking on filters  
SCADA work is on-going  
Electricians are now working on-site

He expects that there might be a “pre-start” of the plant in late May or early June 2013. Regarding the five-foot clearance between the new ACTIFLOW SYSTEM and the rafters, Mr. Sharpin quoted a structural engineer that it would be “costly” to raise the roof of the plant. Mr. Valovcin requested that a structural engineer make an on-site visit.

Michelle Goldberg, Kevin Conley arrived at 6:05pm.

**WELL #6**

DEP has sent the letter that give the Water Department the authority to combine Well #6 and Well #7 so that we can put 949 million gallons a minute through the plant. Designed for 975 million gallons per minutes, we think that operating closer to its design will be much more efficient.

**WELL #7**

The pump house at Well #7 will be built off-site and later placed on the foundation on-site. Shop drawings for the project still need to be approved.

Mr. Sharpin expects that the department may be pumping water sometime in July 2013.

Paul LeBeau, Dennis Ferreira arrived at 6:10pm.

**DALTON ROAD/WILLOWGATE RISE AREA – COLORED WATER**

Michelle Goldberg of Dalton Road appeared before the Board to discuss her longtime problem with water that alternates clear and dirty-colored. She was hoping for solutions from the Board.

Mr. Valovcin explained past improper flushing techniques that allowed film/sediment to accumulate on the pipes over the years. Since his arrival in 2007, the department has been hydrant flushing aggressively to remove those layers of film. Pushing water towards the western part of town has resulted in clearer pipes in the east portions of town, but the Dalton Road/Willowgate Rise/ Central/Norfolk Street pipes are now experiencing the most problems.

He suggested a site visit to Ms Goldberg's house to inspect anything that could impact her water, such as filters, booster pumps, aerators, pressure-reducing valves, and previous plumbing changes that could be affecting her water. She expressed disappointment that she has been experiencing the problem for a while, but she welcomed a visit that could possibly solve her problem. She was asked to make an appointment for Friday.

Bill Dowd arrived at 6:40pm.

Jay Marsden arrived at 6:45pm.

**WATER SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH**

There was no report from the Water Superintendent Search Committee.

**LETTER FROM BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of Water Commissioners discussed a letter that the Board of Selectmen has sent last week to the Commissioners that included the job description of the Director of the Department of Public Works (DPW). Mr. Marsden asked that the letter be a "starting point" for discussion on the job description and the creation of a DPW in Holliston.

Mr. Weise questioned the reason behind the decision to create a DPW because the Board of Water Commissioners cannot see a benefit to the Water Department. He said that a decision to keep the Water Department's organizational structure "as is" is a good decision.

Mr. Marsden invited the Board of Water Commissioners to give reasons that the DPW does NOT make sense.

Mr. Weise asked the Selectmen – "What is the vision?"

Mr. Leary answered that the letter is meant to start a dialogue with the Board of Water Commissioners.

Mike Nagle arrived at 7:00pm.

Mr. Ferreira questioned Mr. Conley about the Selectmen's change in the designation of the organization which would direct the Department of Public Works department. While this proposal lists the Selectmen directing the department, the previous study (in which Mr. Ferreira participated), there was a Board of Public Works Commissioners in charge.

Mr. Marsden answered that this proposal is a "first pass" at creating a Department of Public Works.

### **MINUTES REVIEW**

No minutes were reviewed.

The minutes of April 2, 2013 were distributed to Mr. Antonioli.

### **DOCUMENTS**

Complaint Log

E-mail from Paul LeBeau to Ron Sharpin – "Budget Recommendations"

Tuesday Evening Hours – Transactions total from 2/5/13 to 4/23/13

### **INVOICES AND CHANGE ORDERS**

Invoices and change orders were signed at the meeting.

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

**Mr. Antonioli seconded the motion.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

**Next BWC meeting - No date was set for the next meeting**

**Town Meeting will be held on May 6, 2013**

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Keating

Clerk

Approved 6/1/13 as written