

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 9, 2013
MEETING ROOM 014**

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

Meeting began at 6:00pm

WELL #8 – STATUS

The correctly-sized day tanks are expected to be installed by the end of the month. The department will now be able to run 24 hours per day. Mr. Valovcin said that the well will need a rest from time to time.

WELL #4 – STATUS

A meeting was held yesterday to insure that all parties involved with instrumentation control at Well #4 understands what they are expected to provide for the project. Kruger personnel participated in the meeting by tele-conferencing.

Plumbing and piping installation will begin during the week of January 14, 2013.

WELL #5 - STATUS

The manganese level is “.05” which is high.

After the installation of the day tanks at Well #8, the department will begin conversion to sodium hydroxide at Well #5. Mr. Sharpin suggested that the warm 2012 winter (so far) resulted in lower water levels which may be part of the reason for the increase in the manganese levels.

WELL #6 – STATUS

Well #6 Treatment Plans has been running seven hours per day. Ali Parand of AP Associates has begun evaluation of the Treatment Plant system. One of the items on his agenda will be the pump speed at the well.

WELL #7 - STATUS

DeFelice Corporation, contractor for the Well #7 project, will be on-site next week to lay pipe. A meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2013 with the contractor for his schedule and shop drawings.

PROPOSED HOURS CHANGE FOR TOWN HALL

The Selectmen are proposing changes to the Town Hall hours of operation. The Water Commissioners have already sent a survey to the water users about the proposed changes.

FIRE HYDRANTS - CONDITION

Police, Fire, Paul LeBeau, Mr. Valovcin, Mr. Sharpin and Selectman Jay Leary met on January 4, 2013 to discuss fire hydrant conditions. Recent fires on Oak Street in Holliston and Summer Street in Medway involved hydrants that firemen were unable to open (they could not move the 'collar' of the hydrant).

Currently there are four lists of fire hydrants and their locations in town. The board agreed that the lists should be condensed into one accurate list used by the Water and Fire Departments.

Suggestions/Options at the meeting:

- Use Senior Citizens to condense the lists into one
- Water Department hires a summer employee to open each hydrant. Paul LeBeau offered to provide a vehicle for the employee since the Water Department does not have a spare vehicle.

Jay Leary arrived at 7:07pm.

MUNICIPAL WATER USAGE

The board discussed the Pinecrest Golf Course's overdue water bill with Mr. Leary. He will confer with the Town Administrator about the bill.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Town Meeting Warrant is open from January 1, 2013 to March 18, 2013.

The board discussed articles for a dump truck and an update of the Master Plan. They also discussed how to replace water mains by purchasing or renting machinery and using Water Department employees to install the mains. Mr. Valovcin and Mr. Sharpin will investigate costs for equipment and personnel costs for the project.

Mr. Leary left at 7:20pm.

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

The Annual Statistical Report is due on March 15, 2013.

ASBESTOS/CEMENT PIPE INQUIRY

Mr. Valovcin requested a response from the board to an attorney on the manufacturer(s) of the asbestos/cement water main pipe in Holliston. Mr. Adams dictated the answer that specific records of the pipe purchases were not retained.

CELLAR STOP REPLACEMENTS

The Water Department has the responsibility of maintaining the water pipes from the water main to the “curb stop.” Mr. Valovcin proposed that the department cease the installation of valves in home (the practice was never included in the Rules and Regulations). The new proposal would result in the homeowner making a request to “shut off the water” at the curb stop. They would then retain a plumber to install the valve in their house.

The board requested that Mr. Valovcin bring the written proposal to the next board meeting. They plan to vote in favor of the motion at that time.

MINUTES REVIEW

The minutes of November 20, 2012 and December 5, 2012 were distributed to the board. No minutes were reviewed at the meeting.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Complaint Log
Charge for Municipal Water Use

INVOICES AND CHANGE ORDERS

Invoices and change orders were signed at the meeting.

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

Mr. Antonioli seconded the motion.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Next BWC meeting – WEDNESDAY, January 23, 2013 at 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Keating
Clerk

Approved 4/2/13 as written