

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 13, 2013
MEETING ROOM Kitchen

Present: Brian Antonioli, Jeff Weise,
Ron Sharpin, Doug Valovcin (Jared Adams did not attend)

Present: Jay Leary
Meeting began at 6:00pm.

RISING TIDE DEVELOPMENT'S REQUEST FOR HOLLISTON WATER

Mr. Valovcin referred to maps of Rising Tide Development that had been distributed at the last board meeting. He noted the following:

- Dead-ends
- 1000 foot driveway to the development from the street
- Water quality issues that would be difficult to address
- No benefits to our water system

Mr. Valovcin also noted that the development is adjacent to the Town of Ashland. Mr. Weise asked Mr. Sharpin to determine if the developers have contacted Ashland about the provision of water.

Regarding the Holliston Water Department's lease of Army Corps of Engineers' land, Mr. Sharpin will contact the ACOE to learn if there is any exception to the clause in the lease that forbids the sale of water to any entity outside of Holliston.

WELL #4

Winston Builders is installing piping for the ACTICLO System (which arrived earlier than expected). Electricians have begun their work. The Building Inspector has requested an on-site visit on March 28, 2013. Mr. Valovcin will contact him to arrange a time. Winston Builders will also have an on-site visit on March 20, 2013.

WELL #6

Well #6 Treatment Plant is running about seven hours per day.
DEP has the ACTION PLAN and the department is waiting for a verdict on the plan.

WELL #7

There was a meeting with DeFelice Corporation today regarding the project. They are submitting shop drawings. The Army Corps of Engineers has requested a schedule as well as a "heads-up" on progress on the project.

FIRE HYDRANT MASTER LIST

Mr. Valovcin will physically verify locations of fire hydrants that were in question on the newly-merged MASTER LIST of fire hydrants. The department will update the list whenever they change or replace a hydrant.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

The Search Committee has scheduled its next meeting on March 18, 2013.

BILLING -AGED ACCOUNTS

The board agreed that they will offer payment plans to those property owners who respond to postcards that were sent to them last week. Only property owners who have accounts that are more than 120 overdue since July 1, 2013 were sent postcards that remind them of their arrears. The mailing does not include owners who were sent LIEN notices by the Treasurer's Office earlier this year.

TUESDAY EVENING HOURS

The board questioned the value in continuing the Tuesday evening hours of 4:30pm to 7:00pm. There have been only five phone calls/customers in the six weeks since the additional hours started.

Mr. Leary announced that the Town Hall will change back to Summer Hours starting this summer that will not include any evening hours.

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

The Annual Statistical Report is due March 15, 2013. Mr. Sharpin will contact Devane's Backflow and Testing and Cross-Connection Surveying regarding the status of cross-connections.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

The department is submitting one article for the May Town Meeting Warrant – a new vehicle. The FY14 Budget has been submitted to the Finance Committee. It includes one position for the Water Department. Mr. Sharpin reviewed three budget scenarios. He presented a Complete Projects report.

The board noted the extremely large vehicle repair costs that have been incurred this year due to the advanced age of department vehicles.

The board will meet with the Finance Committee on March 21, 2013 (The March 18 meeting was postponed by the Finance Committee).

The board discussed the METER REPLACEMENT FEE – will it go into an ESCROW account, WATER SURPLUS, or no longer be collected after the bond is finished?

PINECREST GOLF COURSE – OVERDUE WATER BILL

The board informed Mr. Leary that the department has not yet received the entire amount owed by the Pinecrest Golf Course for their water bill. Mr. Leary asked Mr. Sharpin to inform Paul LeBeau.

MINUTES REVIEW

No minutes were reviewed at the meeting.

DOCUMENTS

Complaint Log
Budget Scenarios
Completed Projects

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.

Next BWC meeting – WEDNESDAY MARCH 27, 2013 at 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Keating
Clerk

Approved 5/6/13 as written