

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 11, 2014
MEETING ROOM 014**

Present: Dave Keating, Brian Antonioli, Doug Valovcin

MEETING began at 6:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom DiCecco of Cedar Street had indicated that he would attend tonight's meeting for an update on the progress made in solving the low water pressure issue in his area. He did not appear at the meeting. Mr. Valovcin updated the Board on the project (see next paragraph.)

PROJECTS – STATUS

LOW WATER PRESSURE IN CEDAR STREET AREA

Mr. Valovcin requested that the Town post a BLACKBOARD notice that states that "The Holliston Water Department will be conducting tests to assess pumps."

Sixty-four homes will be involved in the testing area.

Tests will be conducted with the booster station pumps "on". Then the booster station pumps will be shut off and the test will be conducted again. Mr. Valovcin will then assess whether the booster station should remain or not.

He is expecting the flow to improve to home with the booster station "off".

Mr. Valovcin expects that he will be conducting tests on June 12 and June 13.

WELLS – STATUS

WELL #4

Contractors continue to work on the punch list at Well #4.

Kruger has sent personnel to the well and found mechanical problems with a valve. Kruger is aware of the problem.

The polymer pump problem involved a "sound" vibration. Mr. Valovcin plans to contact the contractor of Kruger to repair the problem.

WELL #5

Well #5 is back on-line after its cleaning. The department is monitoring the manganese levels which rose during the cleaning. Since going back on-line, the levels have lowered and Mr. Valovcin expects them to continue lowering.

WELL #6 and WELL #7

Both Well #7 and Well #6 are operating òfine.ö

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrant Flushing has been suspended for the Spring season due to the staffing shortage in the Water Department and the cleaning of Well #5.

While the Complaint Log lists a malfunction at the Mt. Hollis Tank, Mr. Valovcin informed the Board that the water discoloration was due to the lack of an ALTITUDE VALVE at the Beatrice Road Tank (the other tanks have ALTITUDE VALVES)ó most of the complaints were from the area around Beatrice. There was no malfunction at Mt. Hollis Tank.

STAFFING – STATUS

Mr. Valovcin announced that nobody wants to work for the Holliston Water Department. He had asked Paul LeBeau, Town Administrator, to create offer letters to two candidates ó one had already taken another position and the second was disappointed in the pay offer.

Mr. Valovcin will remove the job posting from the website for the short term.

REPORTS

Mr. Valovcin is currently working on the Annual Statistical Report which is due in June.

The Consumer Confidence Report has been sent to the state. The department will mail a postcard to property owners ó expected to be sent on June 20. The report is on the town website and paper copies will be located around Holliston.

WATER RATE HEARING

Mr. Keating had sent information to the Bill Dowd, liaison for the Finance Committee. Mr. Dowd sent questions which Mr. Keating has answered.

Mr. Keating also spoke with Dave Nalchajian, Town Accountant, about the FY14 balance. It is expected that \$131, 000.00 will be added to the FY15 budget which begins on July 1, 2014.

The Board instructed Mr. Valovcin to obtain the cost of a truck for the department. Mr. Nalchajian had already accounted for the \$49K for the truck in his FY15 budget. Mr. Valovcin said that it will help with the shortage of staff because he plans to get a truck with a lift gate and crane.

**CONVERSION FROM HOLLISTON BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

The Massachusetts House of Representatives has passed the bill that converts the Holliston Water Department from the Board of Water Commissioners to a Holliston Department of Public Works. The Senate has not yet passed it. Mr. Keating has asked Senator Spilka for the length of time after the governor signs the bill before the law goes into place.

MINUTES REVIEW

Mr. Keating made a motion: **“Motion to accept the minutes of May 21, 2014
as amended”**

Mr. Antonioli seconded the motion.

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

DOCUMENTS

Complaint Log

Notice from Board of Health

INVOICES AND CHANGE ORDERS

Invoices and change orders were signed at the meeting.

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

Mr. Antonioli seconded the motion.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:03pm

Next BWC meeting – WEDNESDAY, June 25, 2014 at 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Keating
Clerk

Approved 6/25/14