



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Cotuit Fire District

Water Department

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The monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at Freedom Hall at 5:45 p.m. Chairman Mark Robinson, Commissioner Scott Horsley and Superintendent Chris Wiseman were present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. and opened to public comment.

The minutes from the 07/17/19 were reviewed, a motion was made to accept them and it was so moved and approved. The minutes from the 8/5/19 special meeting will be tabled until the next meeting. It was noted that the annual contract for the service to sideline and emergency repair contract was awarded to Bortolotti Construction and that Roderick Construction has been notified of the decision and the letter from Mark Boudreau was included in the notification.

The warrants were reviewed and approved.

The Superintendent report was given.

Monthly Pumpage Results is as follows:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>+/-</u>
July	37,593,000*	41,885,000*	-4,292,000

*Note that the pumpage numbers were inserted for documentation purposes, however the variance numbers were given at the meeting.

Usage is trending 10% lower across all most Barnstable districts.

July Stats:

There were no new services and 2 replacement services, one of which eliminated a pit.

The board reviewed an amendment to the GHD contract for the SCADA/Surveillance project which would include the purchase of the equipment, quoted separately in the contract, as they could obtain it at a discounted rate through their provider. It was approved in a unanimous vote and signed by the commissioners.

Superintendent Wiseman reviewed quotes that he had received for cleaning the exterior of the West Street Tank, which are substantially higher than the quotes that we received two years ago for cleaning the Santuit Tank. Commissioner Robinson requested that the department take photos of the tank

and compare them one year from now to see if the discoloration progresses, and also asked that the Superintendent observe and document other district tanks to see if this is cape wide or specific to our tank.

Mr. Wiseman asked if Mr. Robinson or Mr. Horsley would be interested in attending the STEEP Silent Springs meeting to be held on September 19th at 1pm as the Superintendent and Water Operators will be at a training session in Brewster and unable to attend.

Photos and Bios for the website, as discussed at the last meeting, have been received and will be posted.

Chairman Robinson has been addressing some ratepayer concerns regarding the rate increases and working with the Chair of the Prudential Committee to respond to questions regarding the tax rate. The commissioners moved to accept the Cost of Service and Water Rate Study Report that had been posted to the website in draft form. This was voted unanimously and the draft document on the website will be updated.

Commissioner Horsley will provide an update on Little River at the September meeting and requested that this be added to the agenda.

The commissioners briefly discussed the Source Water Quality & Treatment evaluation report submitted by Tata & Howard, noting that Hyannis has just broken ground on a \$12M treatment facility.

The commissioners reviewed two leak adjustment requests received from district residents at 203 Eisenhower and 1751 Main Street. Both requests were approved and the commissioners ask that the leak adjustment policy be added to the Commissioners Handbook for future reference.

The Superintendent gave the water quality report noting that the lead and copper results have not yet been received. Testing for Sodium was done at 4 of the stations and a full IOC (inorganic compounds) was done at station #3 per DEP requirements. All bacteria tests were returned with "non-detection" results.

Superintendent Wiseman is working with Jonathan Hobil of MassDEP and we have submitted information so that they can add our district to the list for voluntary PFOA/PFOS testing to be completed by DEP at no cost to the district. This is available to us as we abut the Mashpee Water District where samples taken exceeded minimum action levels for these contaminants. The commissioners asked for Mr. Hoble's contact information so that they can send him a thank you letter in advance of the testing and hope that it can be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Tom Cambareri, hydrogeologist involved in the Hyannis Water District PFOA/PFOS detection attended the meeting and gave some background information on the previous action level limits and how they have been reduced, as well as the number of compounds that are tested for. He has previously worked with one lab in Kansas and one lab in Canada that are certified for PFOA/PFOS testing. The commissioners asked Mr. Wiseman to contact the Fire Chief and

obtain information on any incident where they may have used foam in the district during the last ten years.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 18th at 5:45pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm, but was re-opened for the purpose of signing the Lien Warrant. The warrant was reviewed, approved and signed and the meeting closed again at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Robinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Mark Robinson, Chairman