



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Cotuit Fire District
Water Department

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The monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held via a public Zoom Video at 5:45 p.m. Chairman Scott Horsley, Commissioner Tom Hoppensteadt, Commissioner Mark Robinson, Superintendent Chris Wiseman and Jennifer Nash were present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. and was opened to public comment. There was no public comment at this time.

The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the following meetings: 2/19/20, 3/4/20, 3/25/20, 4/22/20, 5/20/20, 7/15/20, 8/4/20, 8/26/20, and 9/23/20. Commissioners Horsley and Robinson will stop by the office to sign the original minutes and Mrs. Nash will post them to the district website.

The Superintendent report was given for the prior month.

Monthly Pumpage Results is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>+/-</u>
September	34,908,000	28,077,000	+6,831,000

Stats:

Replacement Services = 0; New Services = 0; Leaks = 0.

Superintendent Wiseman noted that pumpage has started to decrease. Only two stations are coming on in the early morning hours to keep up with demand. He also noted that MassDEP sent out a press release noting that level 2 drought conditions are still in effect and our well levels are down an additions 1.5 to 2 feet over prior year. Commissioner Robinson has drafted a press release and will work with the staff to distribute it.

Water Quality Report - All monthly bacteria samples were clear. Sodium and Secondary Contaminant testing was also completed. PFOA and PFOS results show that Station #1 had a detection in two of the compounds (2.4 and 3.5) but well under the MCL of 20 parts per trillion. We are required to sample quarterly for 4 consecutive quarters, which will also count as a confirmation sample for the Station #1 results. Superintendent Wiseman has ordered sample bottle and will take the follow up samples/quarterly samples in the next few weeks.

Project Updates:

- Security System - Met with Dustin from GHD regarding a few final items. There is a possibility of some add-ons to the project for some unforeseen items, but it is basically complete.

- The resident on Roosevelt Ave. submitted test results from a sample that they took at their property. Results were dramatically out of line with our water samples. We took additional sodium and secondary contaminant samples that show different results. Issues are with Sodium, Manganese and Potassium. Mr. Wiseman spoke with the attorney for the homeowner. They will be hiring a private testing company to take samples and we will request to be onsite and take our own samples from the same locations to be tested at our labs in order to be able to compare results.
- Vehicle lease does not seem to be a viable option as most leasing companies will not lease to a municipality without a personal guarantee/signer. The commissioners advised Superintendent Wiseman to consult with Barnstable County Procurement and Town of Barnstable Procurement for guidance but if no resolution is obtained in one weeks' time to move forward with the purchase of a vehicle. The commissioners voted unanimously to give conditional approval to Superintendent Wiseman and Chairman Horsley to work collaboratively on this project and make a final purchase decision.
- Mrs. Nash noted that online bill payment setup is just about complete, pending a few follow up items. The admin team will receive their training on Tuesday 10/27, and we should be able to move forward with a soft rollout at that time. It should be fully implemented and marketed for the January excess use bill run.

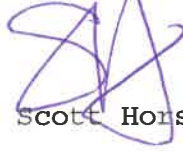
Moving forward with the old business, Chairman Horsley recapped some communications he has had with district residents, specifically regarding fertigation wells, and with Tom Cambareri regarding the study that he is conducting with the Town of Barnstable relative to new water sources, and the geological survey model. He will invite Mr. Cambareri to the November board meeting to discuss a possible contract in conjunction with the scope of services he is conducting for the Town of Barnstable.

Chairman Horsley also contacted Terry Moran regarding the Cotuit Kettleers interest in the Cotuit Elementary School. They are interested in using the building for changing facilities, equipment storage, children's outdoor programs and many other uses that would not require significant upgrades to the building. They also can pay rent for their space. He noted that a walk through took place that includes the PruComm Chair, The FireComm Chair, and a local architect. Commissioner Hoppensteadt agreed to serve on a committee created specifically for the acquisition and use of this property for district and community use, but all commissioners agreed that they should not be driving the project. The commissioners primary concern is the septic and nitrogen loading as Well #3 is downgradient from this property. They would also be interested in using this property as an example of new and efficient technology for the septic or fertigation wells for the recreation fields. Chairman Horsley will attend the PruComm meeting on Monday, 10/26 for participate in the discussion regarding this property.

The next meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners will take place on Wednesday, November 18th at 5:45p. It will be a hybrid meeting, taking place at Freedom Hall (25 person max in person attendance) and also online via zoom.

Chairperson Parks will provide training on the equipment at Freedom Hall prior to the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Honsley', written over the printed name below.

Scott Honsley, Chairman