



## BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

# Cotuit Fire District

## Water Department

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11/18/2020

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 as amended for the 10/21/2020 meeting.

The Superintendent gave the water quality report noting that there were no total coliform detections and that the second quarterly PFOA/PFOS testing was completed on 11/02/2020, results pending.

The Superintendent report was given for the prior month.

Monthly Pumpage Results is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>+/-</u>
October	20,396,000	14,881,000	+5,515,000

Stats:

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

Project Updates:


- Roosevelt Road - The Superintendent shared the department's water quality test results with the resident at Roosevelt Road. He also requested that we be present for subsequent testing and the homeowner agreed.
- Vehicle - Chevy Colorado 4 door truck ordered; lights are being installed. RMV form ordered and sent to insurance company so that it can be registered upon delivery. Delivery expected either Friday 11/20 or Monday 11/23.
- The Superintendent noted that he will be leaving the state over the weekend and will obtain a COVID test upon his return.
- The Superintendent asked the commissioners for their approval in closing the WD office on Friday 11/27 as has been done in the past. All staff remains on-call, station checks will still be completed, and the staff will respond to all calls as required. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve this request and thanked the staff for their efforts during the year.

Moving forward with the old business, Chairman Horsley reviewed his communication with Tom Cambareri and models that he provided relevant to the Cotuit Water District. These models were compiled using the USGS Mod Flow. The commissioners requested the Commissioner Horsley obtain a cost proposal from Mr. Cambareri to conduct a study for the district. Mr. Wiseman will investigate funding sources for the study and research the procurement laws in MGL Chapter 20B specific to engineering contracts.

Commissioner Hoppensteadt attended the Prudential Committee meeting on Monday night and noted that the subcommittee for the elementary school property will meet sometime in December. The 9-person committee will consist of a member of each of the district boards, as well as members at large in the community. We will keep this on the agenda and provide updates as the project progresses.

Chairman Horsley asked if there was interest from the commissioners in revisiting the water rates as they have been into effect for more than a year. There was some discussion as to how this could be tied into the conservation objectives by establishing a separate rate for irrigation. There was also some discussion regarding a separate rate for commercial food service establishments. Superintendent Wiseman will follow up with our engineering consultant to obtain information on other districts that may use two meters per service. The existing billing system will also need to be considered in these discussions for two reasons: 1) the capability to apply a separate set of price tiers to a defined meter and 2) Shortening the payment period from 60 days to 30-45 days as the billing cycles are starting to overlap. The commissioners requested to keep this topic on the agenda and discuss again at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners will take place on Wednesday, December 16th at 5:45p online via zoom. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  


Scott Horsley, Chairman