



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. Also in attendance is Water Resource Specialist and Hydrogeologist, Mr. Tom Cambareri, from Sole Source Consulting, LLC.

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 to approve the meeting minutes for the 11/18/2020 and 12/16/2020 meetings.

The Superintendent gave the water quality report noting that there were no total coliform detections. Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) testing was completed which includes MTBE results, which were returned non-detected. Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC) testing was also completed this quarter, results are pending. Sodium results are up slightly over last year, registering between 14 -30 MG/L. The commissioners have requested that the Superintendent take bi-weekly samples the 3 tank sites/taps to ascertain a blended rate over the next few months. Samples will be taken on the 1st and 3rd Monday's of the month when routine samples are taken. The next required testing for PFOA/PFOS will be in October of 2021. Our tests from this round could be substituted for the October tests pushing our next testing date to Q1 2022.

The Superintendent report was given for the prior month.

Monthly Pumpage Results is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>+/-</u>
December	8,230,000	7,647,000	+583,000

Stats:

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

Project Updates:

- Leak Detection will be starting this month now that the master meters have been tested and calibrated.

Moving forward with the old business, Chairman Horsley introduced Tom Cambareri who gave a project update on the hydrogeological review for the district. He displayed charts showing the effects on Little River with a

pumping rate and a non-pumping rate as well as the nitrogen discharge rate from the USGS map from September 2019. He has some additional work to do with Mr. Wiseman and will give another update at the February meeting.

Commissioner Hoppensteadt gave an update from the Cotuit Elementary subcommittee and will be attending the next meeting tomorrow night. The meeting focused on the building portion of the land and a proposal for turning the existing building into a new fire station. Commissioner Hoppensteadt recommended that we acquire the entire parcel rather than just the portion with the building and felt that there was some pushback to that because of the cost of maintaining the building. There is a sense from the subcommittee that the district should acquire the property and then determine the best use for it. The commissioners discussed the draft letter to the town in support of acquiring the property, proposed some edits and Commissioner Hoppensteadt will finalize the letter and send to the office for signature by the chairman.

The board decided to table most of the water rate discussion except for the hardship relief policy as there is an active request. Mrs. Nash noted that the homeowner requesting relief does qualify for a free school lunch program with Mashpee Public Schools and will request documentation of this status. Commissioner Robinson will work with Mrs. Nash on composing the relief policy and rate calculation.

The board then began discussing the FY22 budget noting that there may need to be some considerations for PFOA/PFOS testing fees and resulting engineering or analytical work, administrative costs for monitoring and regulating the irrigation policy if it is implemented in the next fiscal year, and potentially relocating and replacing a master meter at one of the pump stations. Mrs. Nash will prepare a draft budget for review at the February meeting, and contact the PruComm chair to see when the budget is due to their committee.

The Bylaw Committee will be meeting on 1/26/21 and the Policy Advisory Committee will be meeting on 1/25/21, the commissioners will provide updates from these discussions at the next BOWC meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners will take place on Wednesday, February 24th at 5:45p online via zoom. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Horsley, Chairman