



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 and via a public Zoom Video at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Tom Hoppensteadt, Commissioner Scott Horsley, Superintendent Chris Wiseman and Office Manager, Jennifer Nash were present. Commissioner Robinson arrived shortly after the meeting started.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and was opened to public comment. There was none at this time. The Board thanked Jim Dannhauser, President of the Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association for hosting the BOWC at their July monthly meeting. It was a great opportunity for the commissioners to provide the district residents with updates on their initiatives for the coming year and the meeting fostered great discussion about the proposed Irrigation Regulation in particular.

The commissioners voted unanimously to accept the minutes from the June 16, 2021, and July 19, 2021.

The Superintendent gave the water quality report noting that there were no total coliform detections in June, however we did have a coliform detection in July. All follow-up samples were clean. Average sodium results are increasing, and the Commissioners directed Superintendent Wiseman to continue sampling at all stations and tanks on a monthly basis (not just the annual required sample) and to follow up with the towns regarding salt use for road treatment on Route 28 and at two large developments in the vicinity of Station #5.

The Superintendent report was given for the prior month.

Monthly Pumpage Results is as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>+/-</u>
June	31,411,000	36,291,000	+4,880,000

Stats:

Replacement Services = 2; New Services = 0; Leaks = 0.

Project Updates:

- Annual Bid - The annual bid opening took place on June 21, 2021. Two bids were received, and the commissioners voted to award the FY22 contract to Bortolotti Construction Inc. of Marstons Mills.

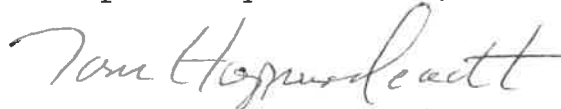
- Juneteenth - The commissioners discussed the newly adopted federal holiday and voted unanimously to add Juneteenth to the list of Federal Holidays in the employee handbook. For 2021 it will be taken as a floating holiday to be used before June 2022.
- Water Service Materials Exemption - The department has received a request for a copper service connection as the resident is averse to the use of plastic. The commissioners voted to make an exception for this connection pending following up by the Superintendent regarding the state's proposed requirements for eliminating the use of lead and copper for drinking water services.
- Risk & Resiliency Assessment - Tata & Howard is completing work on the R.R.A. and the department will be joining Mass W.A.R.N. (Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network) which provides mutual aid for Water Departments. The commissioners signed the agreement to make the membership active.
- Chairman Hoppensteadt approved Warrant #2, Commissioners Horsley and Robinson will review the electronic version later.

The commissioners discussed the proposed irrigation policy and discussed many changes to the language regarding new service connections. They voted unanimously to extend the moratorium through August 31st and will hold a workshop on August 4th to finalize the policy. The policy will be posted on the district website for a full two weeks prior to the August meeting, as well as on social media in a last effort to solicit comments from the public.

The final lien warrant will be available for the commissioners to sign at the August 2021 regular meeting, after which time it will be submitted to the town assessor. The list has been reduced from 37 accounts totaling \$10,193.62 to 13 accounts totaling \$4,280.30.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners will take place on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 5:45 pm. This meeting will take place at Freedom Hall but also be presented via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Hoppensteadt, Chairman