



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 joined via zoom but arrived at Freedom Hall shortly after the meeting started due to the quality of the zoom audio.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and was opened to public comment. There was none at this time.

The commissioners voted unanimously to accept the minutes from the July 21, 2021, and August 04, 2021.

The Superintendent gave the water quality report noting that there was one total coliform detection in July. All follow-up samples were clear.

The Superintendent report was given for the prior month.

Monthly Pumpage Results is as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>+/-</u>
July	31,836,000	46,580,000	-14,744,000

Stats:

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

Project Updates:

- Cape still in Level I Drought
- Site clean up at 414 Main Street - Commissioner Robinson will contact Americorp as they conduct group activities and may assist with the ecological restoration. Superintendent Wiseman will get a quote for a fence to prohibit vehicle access to the Main Street side of the property.
- Operator Gallagher has completed his BackFlow/Cross Connection training and tests. He successfully passed the lab test; results are pending for the written exam.
- Operator Medeiros completed his D1 and T1 training and successfully passed both exams. He has submitted his application for Operator-In-Training licenses and is eligible for a pay increase.

- Commissioner Robinson noted that the staining has returned on the West Street Water Tank. They discussed that it is not a structural issue, and ~~Superintendent Wiseman will investigate the cost of repainting.~~ STRICKEN/AMENDED
- Superintendent Wiseman noted that the 2020 PFOA/PFOS results could be used for the required 2021 sampling. The next round of testing will be conducted in January 2022.

The commissioners discussed the proposed irrigation policy, made 3 amendments to the language (which includes removing the existing Fines & Enforcement section) and voted unanimously to adopt the regulation. The regulation will be amended at an upcoming meeting to include a new Fines & Enforcement section. Commissioner Robinson will work on the new language.

Commissioner Horsley moved to adopt the rate increase and amended rate policy as read into the record; Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to make the new rates effective 01/01/2022. This increase provides for a discounted rate over 60k gallons for Food Prep Organizations/Essential Usage and provides for a rate to encourage conservation for Irrigation/Non-Essential Usage.

The final lien warrant was signed and will be submitted to the Town Assessors office on the following day.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners will take place on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 5:30 pm (this was subsequently changed to Wednesday, September 22nd at 5:30pm). This meeting will take place at Freedom Hall but also be presented via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Hoppensteadt, Chairman