



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 Robinson, Commissioner Scott Horsley, Superintendent Chris Wiseman and Office Manager, Jennifer Nash were present.

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

The minutes of the September 22, 2021 meeting were reviewed, amended to fix a typographical error, and approved as amended.

The Superintendent gave the water quality report noting that there were no total coliform detections in August. The PFOA/PFOS waiver was accepted by the state allowing the results from our previous voluntary samples to satisfy the requirements for this year's testing. The next test will be conducted in January of 2022. Disinfection Byproduct testing (THM & HAA5) tests were completed. The results are well below action levels. IOC's, which include Sodium results of both treated and raw water, were done this week. Results will be available at the next meeting. Commissioner Horsley asked to have both raw & treated water included in all sodium tests and noted as such on the sodium trend report.

The Superintendent report was given for the prior month.

Monthly Pumpage Results are as follows: (totals added post meeting)

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>+/-</u>
September	21,934,000	34,908,000	-12,974,000

Stats:

Replacement Services = 1; New Services = 1; Leaks = 0.

Project Updates:

- Cape Cod is no longer in Level I Drought.
- JR Gallagher successfully completed his Backflow and Cross Contamination testing and is now certified. He will be conducting the fall inspections.
- Both the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief have announced their retirement.
- 414 Main Street Rehab - Commissioner Robinson will submit an application to AmeriCorps, but they need a site supervisor with experience in

landscaping. Chairman Hoppensteadt will reach out to local landscapers to see if they are interested in sponsoring the site rehabilitation and act as site supervisor.

The board discussed the audio quality of zoom meetings held at Freedom Hall. The Prudential Committee is working on a technology solution. In the meantime, the board voted to hold meetings from November through April via zoom and return to meeting in person in May.

Commissioner Horsley has a group of students assisting with the source water protection plan. He will be meeting with them at the Water Dept. office on Sunday at 1pm, along with Bruce Young from MRWA (Mass. Rural Water Assoc.). They will be touring the wellfield and preparing a presentation which will focus on 4 categories: Sodium, Nitrogen, Emerging Contaminants and GIS mapping. The presentation will be delivered via zoom at the December meeting.

Sub Committee meeting updates:

- Policy Advisory - no update
- ByLaw Committee - no update
- School Committee - Chairman Hoppensteadt thanked Commissioner Robinson for his work on the conservation restriction language. Most of the discussion at the school committee meeting happened in executive session as it could adversely affect ongoing negotiations. The BOWC will be going into executive session at the end of this meeting to obtain some information relevant to this discussion.

Commissioner Robinson would like to see a FAQ document on the district website. He will start a document and ask others to add responses and any additional questions.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners will take place on Wednesday, November 17, at 5:30 pm. This meeting will take place via Zoom.

The meeting was again opened to public comment, there was none at this time.

The commissioners took a roll call vote to move the meeting to executive session under Purpose 6.

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Hoppensteadt, Chairman