



## BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

# Cotuit Fire District Water Department

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11/17/2021

The monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Tom Hoppensteadt, Commissioner Mark Robinson, Commissioner Scott Horsley, Superintendent Chris Wiseman and Office Manager, Jennifer Nash was 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 commissioners were joined by Commissioner Horsley's student group that included Ashley Desrosiers, Casey Goodwin and Jarrod McCarthy. The group gave a brief overview of the project, noting that they are focusing on four areas, Sodium, Nitrates, Emerging Contaminants (to include PFOA/PFOS) and GIS Mapping. Their next steps include completing the analysis, updating the maps and sharing their final report at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The minutes of the October 20, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Superintendent gave the water quality report noting that there were no total coliform detections in October. Sodium results for samples taken on 11/1 and 11/15 will be given at the December meeting if results are available and will include RAW water results in addition to the treated water results. Recommended levels are 20 ppm (parts per million), and the district average is currently 24.63. There was a Total Coliform (TC) hit at the Santuit Tank in the sample taken November 15<sup>th</sup>. Follow-up samples were taken on Tuesday, and all subsequent samples were clear.

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>
October	14,568,000	20,396,000	-5,828,000

Stats:

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

Project Updates:

- Irrigation Policy - The department received a notification regarding a new irrigation service being installed in the district. The Superintendent investigated and found that there were new heads being

added to an existing system. This is not addressed in the current policy and the commissioners will consider this issue.

- The Superintendent requested approval from the commissioners to close the WD Office on Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. The board unanimously approved this request.
- The Superintendent requested approval to carry over 9 vacation days, 8 of which will be used before the end of the calendar year. The board approved this request noting the special circumstances (staffing) over the past year.

Sub Committee meeting updates:

- Policy Advisory - no update
- ByLaw Committee - no update
- School Committee - Chairman Hoppensteadt will give an update on this in executive session.

414 Main Street Site Rehabilitation Update - Chairman Hoppensteadt reached out to several local landscapers and did not find any interest in sponsoring the project. Commissioner Robinson notes that AmeriCorps has a new Director and all agreed to postpone this project until the Spring.

Commissioner Robinson compiled a list of 15 questions for a FAQ document to be posted on the district website. Commissioner Horsley's students are also working on this and we should see a draft in the coming months. Commissioner Robinson also sent a link to a video on the history of Cotuit that includes a photo of the water department in the early years. The video can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rcVzPp6QXBM>

Commissioner Horsley asked the board to consider future needs for source water protection which may require funding for septic upgrades. They noted that grant money may be available, possibly through the MWWA or Federal Infrastructure Bill. Superintendent Wiseman will follow up with Jen Pederson at MWWA. Chairman Hoppensteadt noted that we will keep this on the agenda for further discussion.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners will take place on Wednesday, December 8, 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 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Hoppensteadt, Chairman