



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

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Department of Public Works- Water Division

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Water Commissioners Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 6, 2017

Members in Attendance: Edward Johnson, Chairman
Dave Meczywor
Luther Hosmer

Others Present: Randy Brown, DPW Director
Christie Myette, Office Manager

Guests: None

Absent: None

The meeting was recorded.

The meeting of the Water Commissioners was called to order at 6pm in Conference Room 2.

Review of the March 1, 2017 Minutes:

A **MOTION** was made by Luther Hosmer to accept the March 1, 2017 Minutes. This was seconded by David Meczywor and motion passed unanimously.

March 2017 Commitments was signed. The Commissioners signed off on one Elderly Rate Application.

DPW DIRECTORS REPORT:

1. Water Meter Replacement Project there are 3 contracts that are in different stages.
Contract 1-The communication system is up and running. Formal training will take place on 4/13 & 4/14 for the Sensus RNI.
Contract 2- We have been ordering meters and accessories on an as needed basis from TI-Sales and EJ Prescott.
Contract 3- All cycles have been sent notices the remaining customers will be sent a letter outlining that compliance of this change over is mandatory and your water service may be shutoff if noncompliant.
2. The Annual Statistical Report has been completed and submitted. The highlights include 63 residential gallons per capita day (RGPCD) and 8.9% Unaccounted for Water.
3. The Annual Consumer Confidence Report has been submitted.

4. Prowler Water will be conducting a town-wide leak detection later this year in accordance with MassDEP Policy
5. The Water Department will likely start reading meters shortly, weather permitting.
6. The water at 6 Gargon Terrace was tested in response to a taste complaint. Copies of the results were provided to the Water Commissioners. The copper result was 0.0775 mg/L, which is higher than what would be considered normal, but well within the acceptable range.

A work order summary was presented to Commissioners.

OLD BUSINESS

North Pond Property

This is a continued discussion on the North Pond Land Purchase. The total value of the land has been determined to be about \$5,000,000.00. The Franklin Land Trust is looking to raise that money. They have some money set aside from a few departments, committees and groups in town but are about \$2,000,000.00 short at this point. Randy has brought this to the Water Commissioners before to talk about a possible easement or future well site. Alain Peteroy sent an email to Randy laying out the value of a future well and water line easement. This came to a total of \$900,000.00. They were looking for about half of that.

*A **MOTION** was made by David Meczywor to tender an offer of \$30,000.00 for the water line easement for the North Pond Property contingent on the purchase of the land by the Town of Southwick. This was seconded by Luther Hosmer and the motion passes unanimously.*

FY18 Budget

The Selectboard and The Finance Committee will be meeting in a week. At the last meeting there weren't any problems with the College Highway Water Main or the Pump Station Upgrade or the \$75,000.00 towards the backhoe.

South View Estates Water Bill

As of today they owe \$17,119.00 from the original amount was \$16,236.00. Randy has spoken with their management company several times the last being in February where Randy expressed that this bill needed to be taken care of. Christie spoke with the Town Collector, Michelle Hill and she suggested moving forward with small claims court. Randy had made contact again via phone today and they will be sending us something in the next week. They would not go into detail but said they will be sending us something.

*A **MOTION** was made by David Meczywor to proceed with the small claims process to collect the South View Estates outstanding water bill. This was seconded by Luther Hosmer and the motion passed unanimously.*

Bugbee Road

At the last meeting 2 residents from Bugbee Road made a formal request for the Water Department to look into extending a water line up Bugbee Road from College Highway. A letter was provided to The Commissioners from Randy Brown summarizes the issue and the cost to

extend the water line up to house number 20. The cost is estimated at \$250,000.00 to \$300,000.00 due to the large amount of ledge in that area.

A MOTION was made by Dave Meczywor that the water department not pursue extending the water main up from 5 Bugbee Rd to 20 Bugbee Rd at this time. This was seconded by Luther Hosmer and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Statistical Report

This was discussed under the DPW Director's Report.

2016 Consumer Confidence Report

This was discussed under the DPW Director's Report.

*Luther Hosmer made a **MOTION TO ADJOURN** this was seconded by David Meczywor the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.*

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christie Myette
DPW Office Manager

Ed Johnson, Chairman

David Meczywor

Luther Hosmer