



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

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Department of Public Works- Water Division

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Water Commissioners Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 18, 2018

Members in Attendance: Edward Johnson, Chairman
Luther Hosmer

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

Guests: None
Absent: Dave Meczywor

The meeting was recorded.

The meeting of the Water Commissioners was called to order at 6:00pm in Conference Room 2.

Review of the September 6, 2018 Minutes
This was tabled until next meeting.

The Commitment for September was signed by The Commissioners.

The Elderly Rate Applications submitted were approved and signed.

DPW DIRECTORS REPORT:

1. Tighe & Bond is continuing the design efforts for the College Highway Water Main & Pump Station improvement project. Mass DOT issued an access permit for the work to be done on College Highway. There are some conditions of the Permit that the Town is going to request be amended. This includes a requirement to overlay the entire road and to install plastic pipe in lieu of ductile iron. In early November a meeting with MassDEP is planned to review the project scope.

2. Water bills were issued this week and are due November 20th. A summary was provided to the Water Commissioners. Receipts are much lower than in prior years which may impact the ability to fully construct the water main and pump station project. Randy plans to update the rate study with this new billing data.

3. Emil Pustea tested approximately 36 backflow devices so far during the fall testing period, 3 of which failed and will require a retest.

4. Water crews performed hydrant flushing during the early morning hours of 10/10 and 10/17 on Feeding Hills Road and Powder Mill Road. Crews plan to continue flushing each Wednesday morning as long as weather allows, continuing with northern sections of College Highway.
5. Keith and Jason are attending a Drinking Water Operators Class so they can obtain their Treatment Operator (T-1) License.
6. The Open Space Committee is hosting a meeting with Town Boards and Departments to gauge interest in identifying open space for preservation purposes. A handout was provided to the Commissioners.
7. The Water Department is working with the Fire Department to evaluate a hydrant marking system which will provide a visual determination of the anticipated fire flows for each hydrant.
8. The O'Reilly's Auto Parts store is under construction at 662 College Highway. The store will utilize the existing domestic service for the new building. No sprinklers systems are being installed.
9. Randy is working with Springfield Water & Sewer to develop a new Water Supply Agreement. The current agreement expires on June 30, 2019.

A work order summary was presented to Commissioners.

APPOINTMENTS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NEW SERVICE CONNECTION-21 LAKEVIEW STREET

This is the property that the Anchor Inn was on. The lot is actually cut in half by the road. The owner brought it a few years ago and built a new house. Recently he built a garage on the other side of the road and is now asking to connect the garage to water. We have a secondary water service policy in place which states that you can have a secondary connection to the water system but you have to pay for a new meter, new connection and possibly a meter pit depending on the location. Randy recommended that this property be connected to water without additional fees other than the homeowner making the connection.

*A **MOTION** was made by Luther Hosmer to allow the new water service connection at 21 Lakeview Street without additional fees this was seconded by Edward Johnson. Motion passed.*

*Luther Hosmer made a **MOTION TO ADJOURN** this was seconded by Edward Johnson the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.*

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christie Myette
DPW Office Manager

Ed Johnson, Chairman

David Meczywor

Luther Hosmer