



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 3, 2019

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

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

Guests: N/A
Absent: N/A

The meeting was recorded.

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

Review of the August 15, 2019 Minutes

A MOTION was made by Dave Meczywor to accept the August 15, 2019 minutes. This was seconded by Luther Hosmer. Motion Passed.

The Commitment for August was signed by The Commissioners.

The Elderly Rate Applications submitted were approved and signed.

DPW DIRECTORS REPORT:

1. Ludlow Construction continues construction of the water main and pump station project. Most of the pipeline along College Highway has been installed and construction of the pump station is under way.
2. Water meter readings are scheduled to be completed the first week of October. Bills will be issued late October/early November.
3. The mandatory water restriction was lifted on 10/1.
4. Emil Pustea of Sigma Water continues to perform backflow inspections.

A work order summary was presented to Commissioners.

APPOINTMENTS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

WATER METER TEST RESULTS- 19 CRESCENT CIRCLE

The Walhovd's of 19 Crescent Circle came into see the Water Commissioners back in May regarding a high water bill they received. It was requested by the board as well as the homeowners to have the meter checked.

Two different tests were authorized for the vendor to complete. One of which is a flow test where 3 different rates of flow are put thru the meter to make sure its reading correctly at each flow rate. The other test was a destructive test which breaks down the meter and its components to check to make sure they are working properly.

We have been waiting on these tests to be run for at least 4 months. One set of test results were sent back to us which took a month and a half for the flow test with those results they sent the meter back. Randy got back in contact with the vendor to see why the second test was not completed. With some communication back and forth they then picked the meter back up and will complete another flow test and the destructive test as instructed to from the start.

The Board will await these results before making a determination on the originally submitted abatement.

NEW BUSINESS

WATER LINE – 99 LAKEVIEW STREET

An application was submitted for a service line to 99 Lakeview Street. There is what Randy assumes to be a 1" service line off of the main in Lakeview Street that runs down this "spur" off of Lakeview Street which serves 99, 101 & 103 Lakeview Street. Currently there is one service line for 99 & 101 Lakeview Street this property was originally 1 property with a house and a garage. Since then it has been split into two properties and the garage converted to a home. The Water Commissioners were given a copy of the current setup which shows the service line going into 101 Lakeview then connects to 99 Lakeview Street. In this past this was never an issue because it was the same homeowner. The homeowner is looking to sell the property at 101 and now has to separate the water service so that both properties receive their own water bill. Randy spoke with Ed on Monday before the meeting and provided a diagram outlining a new service line back to the main on Lakeview Street with a meter pit. The Water Commissioners discussed this issue and voted as follows.

*A **MOTION** was made by Dave Meczywor to approve the new water service from the main on Lakeview Street as drawn in the diagram provided in the approved application (attached to minutes). Motion seconded by Luther Hosmer. Motion Passed.*

SEASONAL COMPLAINT

Luther received a complaint from a seasonal water user. This complainant was questioning why he has to pay to have the meter installed and removed each year? This is for the service for the Water Department to come out take the meter out and shut the water off or vice versa. It's a flat fee of \$35.00 for each appointment that is paid by all seasonal water users who chose to have their water shutoff during the winter and turned on in the spring.

*Luther Hosmer made a **MOTION TO ADJOURN** this was seconded by Dave Meczywor the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.*

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christie Myette
DPW Office Manager

Ed Johnson, Chairman

David Meczywor

Luther Hosmer