



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 September 2, 2020

Members in Attendance: Edward Johnson, Chairman - Remote  
Dave Meczywor, Commissioner - Remote

Others Present: Randy Brown, DPW Director - Remote  
Christie Myette, Office Manager – Town Hall Remote  
Doug Moglin, Select Board Chairman - Remote

Guests: None

The meeting was recorded.

The meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was called to order at 6:00pm.

Pursuant to the Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter. 30A, Section 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Town of Southwick, Board of Water Commissioners is being conducted at both Town Hall and via remote participation by some or all of its members to the greatest extent possible. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for the Order. Despite our best efforts, if we are not able to provide for real-time access via the Zoom Conference Call Platform we will post a record of the meeting on the Town's website as soon as we are able.

#### Review of the August 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes

*A MOTION was made by Dave Meczywor to accept the minutes from the August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting. This was seconded by Edward Johnson.*

#### Roll Call Vote:

*Edward Johnson – Yes*

*Dave Meczywor- Yes*

**MOTION PASSED**

## OLD BUSINESS

### WATER RATES DISCUSSION

At our last meeting on August 27, 2020, Randy Brown discussed with the Board the need to raise water rates to account for the new debt and interest that is now on the books. The current rate would have to be raised by 22% in order to make up this shortfall. The Water Commissioners asked for a few different options on how to lessen the impact on the water users rather than a 22% increase all at once. Various options were proposed to the Board and those were discussed.

*A MOTION was made by Dave Meczywor to choose option 5 and to raise the water rates as follows:*

*FY21*

*\$6.30 per 1,000 gallons for 0-15,000 gallons*

*\$6.50 per 1,000 gallons for 15,001-30,000 gallons*

*\$6.75 per 1,000 gallons for 30,001 + gallons*

*FY22*

*\$6.80 per 1,000 gallons for 0-15,000 gallons*

*\$7.05 per 1,000 gallons for 15,001-30,000 gallons*

*\$7.30 per 1,000 gallons for 30,001 + gallons*

*This was seconded by Edward Johnson.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Edward Johnson – Yes*

*Dave Meczywor- Yes*

*MOTION PASSED.*

*Dave Meczywor made a **MOTION TO ADJOURN** this was seconded by Edward Johnson the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Edward Johnson – Yes*

*Dave Meczywor- Yes*

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christie Myette  
DPW Office Manager

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Ed Johnson, Chairman

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David Meczywor