



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

# Town of Southwick

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## Department of Public Works- Water Division

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### Water Commissioners Meeting Minutes Southwick Town Hall- Conference Room 2 – Hybrid Meeting Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Members in Attendance: Edward Johnson, Chairman  
Dave Meczywor, Commissioner\*  
John Cain, Commissioner

Others Present: Randy Brown, DPW Director  
Christie Myette, DPW Office Manager  
Keven Soper, Water Foreman

Guests: NONE

\*= Remote Attendance

The meeting was recorded.

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

Public Comments: NONE

Review of the June 16<sup>th</sup> 2022 Water Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

*A **MOTION** was made by Dave Meczywor to accept the June 16<sup>th</sup> 2022 Meeting Minutes. This was seconded by Edward Johnson.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Edward Johnson: Yes*

*Dave Meczywor: Yes*

*John Cain: Abstained*

Review of the July 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 Water Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

*A **MOTION** was made by Dave Meczywor to accept the July 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 Meeting Minutes. This was seconded by John Cain.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Edward Johnson: Abstained*

*Dave Meczywor: Yes*

*John Cain: Yes*

One Elderly Rate Applications was presented to the Water Commissioners. This applicant met all the necessary requirements.

*A **MOTION** was made by John Cain to accept the Elderly Rate Application for 305 College Highway. This was seconded by Dave Meczywor.*

*MOTION PASSED*

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Edward Johnson: Yes*

*Dave Meczywor: Yes*

*John Cain: Yes*

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

1. Water use restrictions were lifted on October 1<sup>st</sup> in accordance with the Water Withdrawal Permit.
2. MassDEP and DCR started developing a Water Needs Survey to identify the Town's water needs over the next 10 years. Randy and Jon Goddard (Town Planner) had a conference call with DCR staff on 10/4 to discuss locations of potential growth over the next few years.
3. MassDEP developed a draft Water Withdrawal Permit for West Springfield. The draft permit includes similar water use restrictions as Southwick's current permit for streamflow restrictions, but it does not include language about following the State's drought status.
4. Water bills for the 4/1 to 10/1 cycle were sent on 10/18 and are due 11/17.
5. Another round of public notifications were sent to all water users on 9/14 regarding the Third Quarter haloacetic acids (HAA5) sample results taken on 8/9 at Wells 1/2 and Jarry Drive Pump Station. It is likely that future rounds of public notification will be required quarterly for the HAA5 violation that continues from the last several rounds of samples.
6. Lead and copper samples will be taken this fall at 40 households. The Water Department sent out letters to 70 households asking for assistance in taking sample, of which 19 responded they would.
7. Emil Pustea of Sigma Water Systems continues to perform inspections at backflow devices.
8. The owner of 55 Sam West Road has not yet performed the remedies necessary to re-establish the water service which included 1) replace the water service from the curb stop, 2) remove the pipe where the meter should be located and provide a proper setup for a new meter, 3) install a backflow device on the threaded hose bib, and 4) pay for a new meter. After these items are complete, the new meter will be installed by the Water Department.

The Water Commissioners & Water Foreman discussed 55 Sam West Road and determined that the necessary repairs have yet to be made to this service in over a year. The Commissioners made the following motion.

*A **MOTION** was made by John Cain to abandon the water service at 55 Sam West Road. This was seconded by Dave Meczywor.*

***MOTION PASSED***

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Edward Johnson: Yes*

*Dave Meczywor: Yes*

*John Cain: Yes*

A summary of the Water Restriction Violations were provided to the Commissioners as well as a Work Order Summary.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**WATER WITHDRAWAL PERMIT**

Commissioner John Cain recently spoke with Representative Nick Boldyga who was interested in helping with whatever we may need during this process. Randy Brown has also reached out to him as well a few weeks ago.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BOARD REORGANIZATION**

The Water Commissioners discussed the reorganization of the board. At this time they decided that they will keep it as is at this time.

*A **MOTION** was made by John Cain to keep the board organized the way it currently is. This was seconded by Dave Meczywor.*

*MOTION PASSED*

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Edward Johnson: Yes*

*Dave Meczywor: Yes*

*John Cain: Yes*

*John Cain made a **MOTION TO ADJOURN** this was seconded by Dave Meczywor the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Edward Johnson: Yes*

*Dave Meczywor: Yes*

*John Cain: Yes*

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christie Myette  
DPW Office Manager

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Ed Johnson, Chairman

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David Meczywor

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John Cain