

# Town of Southwick, Massachusetts

454 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077

## Public Drinking Water Distribution System Specifications 2013

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## I. MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

### 1. PIPE

C-900 DR-18 CLASSES 235 D.I.O.D. PVC/DUCTILE IRON CLASS 52 CEMENT LINED

Type of pipe used to be determined by the Board of Water Commissioners

- a. Size: Pipe size shall be as approved by the Board of Water Commissioners.
- b. Pipe: Pipe must conform to AWWA standards and be UL approved. Maximum Length: 20 feet.
- c. Identification: Each pipe length and fitting shall be clearly marked with
  - Manufacturer's name and trademark.
  - Nominal pipe size.
  - Material designation.

## 2. FITTINGS- DUCTILE IRON

- a. Size: As approved.
- b. Minimum pressure rating: 250 psi for cast iron fittings and 350 psi for ductile iron fittings.
- c. Lining: Cement lining minimum 1/8 inch thick, ANSI A21.4/AWWA C 104.
- d. Coating: Bituminous coating inside, ANSI A21.4/AWWA C 104
- e. Joint: Mechanical joint with ductile iron retainer gland, ANSI A21.51/AWWA C151.
- f. Retainer Glands: Retainer glands shall be designed to impart multiple wedging actions against the pipe, increasing its resistance as the pressure increases. Glands shall be manufactured of ductile iron. Conforming to ASTM A5236-80.

Restraining devices shall be of ductile iron heat-treated to a minimum hardness of 370 BHN.

Twist-off nuts shall be used to insure proper actuating of the retainer gland. Dimensions of the gland shall be such that it can be used with the standard mechanical joint bell and tee-headed bolts conforming to ANSI/AWWA A21.1 and ANSI/WWA 153/A21.5. The retainer gland shall have a working pressure of 250 psi with a minimum safety factor of 2:1 and shall be certified by the manufacturer to be compatible with the pipe class and pipe manufacturer for all sizes proved on the job. The retainer gland shall be Mega-lug as manufactured EBAA Iron, Inc., or approved equal.

- g. Gaskets: ANSI A21.11/AWWA C111.
- h. Fitting: Ductile Iron Fittings Class 53.
- i. All flanged joints shall be 125-lb standard with neoprene rubber gaskets, minimum 1/8-inch thick.

## 3. COUPLINGS

Couplings shall only be allowed when connecting standard outside diameter pipe to oversize or pit cast pipe. The coupling shall be of a type equal to Smith Blair, Style 441; Dresser, Style 153; 360 or Romaic Style 501, or an approved equal. Couplings shall be epoxy coated and have stainless steel hardware.

## 4. GATE VALVES – RESILIENT SEATED TYPE

- a. All valves supplied shall be designed, manufactured and supplied in accordance with requirement of AWWA C509. Reduced wall gate valves may be supplied in accordance with AWWA C515. A certificate of compliance with the applicable specifications and NSF61 is required.
- b. Size: 6 inch through 12 inch.
- c. Ductile iron mechanical joint conforming to AWWA C111 with retainer glands.
- d. Non-rising stem.
- e. 200 psi working pressure.
- f. Wrench nut operational, open left (counterclockwise).
- g. Valve body and Bonnet bolting shall be high strength stainless steel
- h. Double "O" ring seal
- i. Fusion applied epoxy coating inside and out, NSF 61 approved.
- j. UL listed and FM approved.
- k. Tapping Valves shall have flange on sleeve end and mechanical joint on outlet end.

## 5. VALVES – BUTTERFLY

- a. Butterfly valves shall be tight closing rubber seated conforming to AWWA C504 latest revision. A certificate of compliance with the applicable specifications and NSF 61 is required.
- b. Interior and exterior coatings in accordance with AWWA C550
- c. Size: 12 inch through 20 inch
- d. 250 psi working pressure
- e. Wrench nut operational, open left (counterclockwise)

## **6. GATE BOXES**

- a. Valve boxes shall be cast iron, heavy pattern, sliding adjustable type with cast iron cover
- b. The upper section shall have a flange to prevent settling.
- c. Valve boxes shall have barrels not less than 5-inch inside diameter and lengths adapted to valve depth. The barrels shall lap at least 6 inches when in the most extended position.
- d. The word "WATER" shall be cast into the cover.

## **7. FIRE HYDRANTS**

- a. Hydrants shall meet or exceed requirements of AWWA C502.
- b. Inlet connection shall be 6 inch, mechanical joint.
- c. Valve opening shall be 5 1/4 inches minimum.
- d. Barrel ID shall be 7 inches minimum. Barrel shall have an integrally cast flange which attaches to the hydrant shoe.
- e. Depth of bury shall be 5'0" minimum, unless otherwise shown on the Drawings.
- f. Shall be dry barrel type with removable drain plugs.
- g. Outlets – Shall have two 2 1/2 inch, one 4 1/2 inch, National Standard thread with chained caps.
- h. Operating nut shall be pentagon, 1 1/2 inch, open left (counterclockwise).
- i. Coating: Fire hydrant shall be fusion epoxy coated inside and outside in accordance with AWWA C550. The hydrant shall be epoxy coated the color yellow.( factory coating only)
- j. Hydrants shall have safety breakaway construction at grade.
  - 1. Acceptable fire hydrant in the Town of Southwick
    - Waterous pacer
- k. Each hydrant must have a 48" long hydrant marker attached to them.
- l. Hydrants shall be UL listed and FM approved.

## **8. HYDRANT TEES**

Hydrant tees shall be anchor type.

## **9. SERVICE PIPING AND CONNECTIONS**

Water main to curb stop-All small diameter water service lines between the main and curb stop shall be type K copper or Polyethylene tubing with 12 gauge solid core coated tracer wire. Curb stop to building-services to the building shall be type K copper or may be polyethylene CTS tubing.

All commercial services to be installed by a town certified contractor. Residential services will be

Installed by Southwick water department from water main to curb stop.

- a. The minimum service line for new water service installations shall be 1". The Water Department may require larger line sizes to meet the minimum flow requirements of the user.
- b. Corporation stops shall be equal to McDonald Brass 470 1BQ. (CC thread)
- c. Curb stops shall be equal to McDonald Brass 6100Q. (open left)
- d. Curb boxes shall be Buffalo type or Erie style and be adjustable in length consistent with pipe depths.
- e. Copper tubing shall be Type K, soft temper conforming to ASTM B88. The name or trademark of the manufacturer and type shall be stamped at intervals along the pipe.
- f. Polyethylene tubing shall be copper tube size "CTS" and rated to 300 psi. Polyethylene tubing must be Endo trace tubing as manufactured by Endot Industries or an approved equal. Tracer wire must be used when using other than Endo trace tubing. 12 Gauge solid core coated tracer wire.
- g. Three piece coupling shall be equal to McDonald Brass 4758Q.
- h. Brass plug shall be equal to Mueller H-10033 for CC thread or H-10035 for I.P. threads.
- i. ALL BRASS FITTINGS MUST BE LEAD FREE BRASS

#### 10. AIR RELEASE VALVES

- a. Air release valves shall be automatic float operated valves designed to release accumulated air from a piping system while the system is under pressure.
- b. Air release valves shall be manufactured and tested in accordance with AWWA standard C 512.
- c. Valves must be certified to NSF 61 Drinking Water Components-Health Effects
- d. The valve body shall be threaded with NPT inlets and outlets. Two additional NPT connections shall be provided for the addition of gauges and for draining.
- e. The valve body shall have a minimum working pressure of 300 psi.
- f. A screened hood shall be provided on the valve outlet.
- g. The orifice, float and linkage mechanism must be 316 stainless steel.
- h. The valve exterior shall be coated with a universal alkyd primer
- i. Valves shall be Val Matic, model 22.4 or approved equal.

#### 11. WATER METERS

Water meters used on water services will be sized and furnished by the Water Department. All water meters must have an individual curb stop. Curb stops must be on Town of Southwick approximate property line or as otherwise directed by the water department. All commercial services must have an approved backflow prevention device. All residential services will have a check valve device installed. Any remodel job over 40% without one of these backflow prevention devices will be required to install one.

## II. INSTALLATION

#### 1. DUCTILE IRON PIPE AND FITTINGS

**Before any work begins Southwick Water Department will inspect materials being used by contractor.**

- a. The CONTRACTOR shall have on the job site supervision with each pipe laying crew, all the proper tools to handle and cut the pipe.

The Contractor will show evidence of successful installation of water line in excess of 500 feet in length and references from water line installation projects of this size for review by the DPW Director before the installation project is approved.

- b. All pipe and fittings shall be thoroughly cleaned before laying and shall be kept clean until installed.
- c. Pipe shall be laid in the dry trench conditions. At no time shall water in the trench be permitted to flow into the pipe. At any time that work is not in progress or the trench is unattended, the end of the pipe shall be suitably closed to prevent the entry of animals, earth, water, etc, using watertight expandable plugs.
- d. Lay pipe and fittings in accordance with the requirements of AWWA C600, except as provided herein.
- e. As soon as excavation has been completed to the proper depth, the pipe bed shall be prepared as follows;
1. Pipe laid on Undisturbed Sub-grade will not be allowed. All water lines will be laid in a minimum of 6" of bedding sand.
  2. Pipe laid on sand Bedding Material: Place and compact sand bedding materials, to the elevation necessary to bring the pipe to grade. The compacted material shall be shaped so that the bottom quadrant of the pipe rests firmly on the bedding for the entire length of pipe barrels. Suitable holes shall be dug for bells or couplings to provide ample space for jointing pipe. The depth of the bedding sand will not be less than six (6) inches.
- f. When ledge is encountered in the bottom of the trench, pipe shall be bedded on a layer of bedding sand having a minimum thickness of 6 inches. Blocking is not permitted.
- g. Each pipe section shall be placed into position on the pipe bed in such a manner and by such means required to avoid injury to persons, property, or the pipe.
- h. Permanent blocking under the pipe is not permitted except where a concrete cradle is required, in which case precast concrete blocks shall be used.
- i. Jointing shall conform to the manufacturer's instructions and appropriate ASTM Standards. All water line installations will be a minimum of five feet below finished grade to the top of the water line installation.
1. Any debris, tools, etc. shall be removed from the pipe.
- j. Place blanket material. Blanket material to be bedding sand to a minimum depth of 1' -0" above the top of the water line.
- k. After placement of the blanket material the pipe shall be checked for alignment and grade.
- If the pipe has been properly installed, the CONTRACTOR may refill or backfill the remainder of the trench.
- l. Once each day, or at other intervals to be determined, the Water Department with the CONTRACTOR will inspect the pipe installation. Unsatisfactory work shall be dug up and reinstalled.
- m. When cutting of pipe is required, the cutting shall be done by machine (power cutter) without damage to the pipe or cement lining. Cut ends shall be smooth and at right angles to the axis of the pipe. Pipe ends to be used with a rubber gasket joint shall be beveled and filed or round smoothly to conform to a manufactured spigot end.
- n. Install concrete thrust blocks at all fittings and other locations, as directed by the Water Department. Minimum bearing area shall be as shown on the Drawings. Joints shall be protected by felt roofing paper prior to placing concrete. Place concrete against undisturbed material, and do not cover joints, bolts or nuts, or place concrete so as it interferes with the subsequent removal of any fitting. Provide wooden side forms for thrust blocks.
- o. Valve and hydrant anchor tees shall be utilized at all hydrant installations. Hydrant and valve tees shall have an integrally attached, rotatable gland which, after bolting to valve or adjoining fitting, the joint is effectively restrained from separation.
- p. The maximum distance allowed between valves is 800 feet. Three valves at each tee and four at each cross are required. Gate valves should line up with adjacent property lines. Inline valves must be installed within 6' of fire hydrants, wherever possible.

- q. The maximum distance between hydrants is 400 feet. Whenever possible, hydrants should be installed on the same side of the street as the water main and should be located on the lot line between adjacent lots and on the property line which deems the front of the lots. Hydrants are required to be installed with anchor tees, which allow the gate valve to be bolted to the tee. On dead ends, however, hydrants should be installed with a reducer and gate valve straight into the hydrant. Each hydrant must have a 48- inch long reflective marker mounted to it.
- r. Proposed water mains which will tie-in to the Town of Southwick public supply Must be submitted to the Board of Water Commissioners on acceptable engineering plans which show all water main appurtenances and details. The plans shall be stamped and signed by professional engineer, registered in the State of Massachusetts.
- s. Connections to the existing water system shall be made by a "cut-in" and shall be valved "three-ways"
- t. Dead ends shall be avoided by the looping of all water mains. No dead ended water mains over 500 feet in length will be permitted in the system and will need to be approved by the Water Commissioners.
- u. All water mains and service pipe shall be laid in a trench separate from any other utility (gas, electric, telephone, etc.) and shall at a minimum be no less than five (5) feet from another utility and shall be no less than ten feet from any sanitary sewer. The distance shall be measured edge to edge.
- v. All material shall be in accordance with Section 1 "Material Specifications".
- w. All construction shall be in accordance with the "Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works – Standard Specifications For Highways and Bridge most recent edition.

## **2. JOINTING DUCTILE IRON PIPE (PUSH-ON TYPE)**

- a. Make push-on joints in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Lay pipe with bell ends looking ahead. Insert a rubber gasket in the groove of the bell end of the pipe and clean and lubricate the joint surfaces. The plain end of the pipe to be entered shall then be inserted in alignment with the bell of the pipe to which it is to be jointed and pushed home with a bar and block. Two (2) continuity brass wedges shall be installed in each push-on joint.

## **3. JOINTING MECHANICAL JOINT FITTINGS**

- a. Mechanical joints at valves, fittings and where designated, shall be in accordance with ANSI A2 1.1 1/AWWA CI 11 Appendix A –Notes on Installation of Mechanical Joints and the instructions of the manufacturer. To assemble the joints in the field, thoroughly clean the joint surfaces and rubber gasket with soapy water before tightening the bolts. Tightening torque for bolts shall be 7 5-90 ft-lbs. Under no condition shall extension wrenches or pipe over handle or ordinary ratchet wrenches be used to secure greater leverage. After installation, apply a bituminous coating to bolts and nuts. A retainer gland instead of a common follower gland shall be used whenever mechanical joints are used.

## **4. FLANGED JOINTS**

- a. Tighten bolts in flanged joints alternately and evenly as specified or mechanical joints. Apply a bituminous coating to bolts and nuts for buried joints.
- b. Exposed joints and pipe shall be painted.

## **5. FLUSHING**

All newly installed water mains shall be thoroughly flushed prior to disinfection and after disinfection. All newly installed water mains shall be flushed at a minimum velocity of 2.5 ft/sec before and after disinfection or as specified by the Water Department.

## **6. PRESSURE AND LEAKAGE TESTING**

- a. General: The CONTRACTOR shall test all installed pipe in accordance with the requirements of AWWA C600, except as amended or added below.
  - 1. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish all labor, materials and equipment necessary for any and all required pipe taps for testing, and as necessary for testing as specified.
  - 2. A pressure test and leakage test is required for all pipe.
  - 3. Water to be furnished by the Southwick Water Department.
- b. Testing requirements:

1. Test duration: 2 hours.
2. Test pressure 150% of maximum operating pressure as determined by the water department, but in no case less than 150 psi.
3. Allowable pressure loss. Pressure shall not vary more than +5 psi for duration of the pressure test.
4. Allowable leakage. Allowable leakage shall be determined by the Following formula:

$$L=SD$$

$$133200$$

L = allowable leakage, in gallons per hour.

S = length of pipe tested, in feet.

D = nominal pipe diameter, in inches.

P = average test pressure, in psi (gauge).

**A. REPORT CONTAINING CALCULATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION PERTAINING TO THE PRESSURE AND LEAKAGE TESTING SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE SOUTHWICK WATER DEPARTMENT.**

**If in the judgment of the Southwick Water Department, it is impractical to follow the fore-going procedure exactly, for any reason, modification in the procedures may be made as required or approved, but in any event the Contractor shall be responsible for the ultimate tightness of the line within the above leakage requirements.**

**7. DISINFECTING WATER MAINS**

- a. The CONTRACTOR shall provide all labor, materials, equipment as necessary to complete disinfecting the mains, as specified herein; including installation of pipe taps necessary for chlorination or taking samples and including paying for all bacteriological testing by an approved independent laboratory. (coliform and ecoli)
- b. The CONTRACTOR shall disinfect all installed water mains in accordance with the requirements of AWWA C651 1, except as amended or added below:
  1. Discuss the procedure with the Water Department and obtain approval before doing the work.
  2. All newly installed water mains shall be flushed at a minimum velocity of 2.5 ft/sec before and after disinfection.
  3. Form of chlorine: sodium hypochlorite solution.
  4. Method of chlorine application: Continuous feed method or slug method.
- c. Test results of chlorine residuals for times as specified in the method of disinfection, must be submitted to the Southwick Water Department. All valves and hydrants should be operated during treatment to insure their thorough contact with the disinfecting solution. The pipe line and all branches shall then be flushed free of all heavily chlorinated water. This chlorinated water shall be neutralized if there is any possibility of the discharge causing damage to the environment. Tests results for chlorine residual will determine when flushing is complete. Twenty hour hours after this flushing, the water should be tested chemically for residual chlorine and bacteriological for coliform group bacteria, as well as ecoli testing must be done by a Massachusetts stated certified laboratory and results of all test must be submitted to the Southwick Water Department. The contractor shall be solely responsible for all costs association with disinfection. A report containing amounts of water flushed, amounts of chlorine used and chlorine residuals during and after the test period and at the time of bacteriological sampling must be submitted to the Southwick Water Department. If the initial treatment fails to produce the desired result, the chlorination procedure must be repeated. This work shall be done under the direction and supervision of a representative of the Southwick Water Department. For this work, the Contractor shall furnish all equipment, material and labor required.

**8. HYDRANT INSTALLATION**

- a. Hydrants shall be set at the location shown and bedded on a firm foundation. Each hydrant shall be set in true vertical alignment and properly braced. All nuts and bolts located below finish grade shall be given a heavy bituminous coating after installation.
- b. A drainage pit, three feet in diameter and two feet deep and to the rear of the hydrant, shall be filled with pea stone and compacted.

- c. Concrete thrust blocks shall be placed between the rear of the hydrant inlet and undisturbed soil at the end of the trench. Minimum bearing area shall be as shown on the Drawings. Roofing felt shall be placed around hydrant elbow before placing concrete. Care shall be taken to insure that concrete does not plug the drain ports.
- d. No hydrant shall be backfilled until directed by the WATER DEPARTMENT. During backfilling, additional pea stone shall be placed to a point 6 inches above the drain port.
- e. Where directed by the Water Department, the CONTRACTOR shall install plugs in the hydrant drain ports.
- f. Pipe used for hydrant branches shall be at least 6" in diameter and shall be restrained the entire length of the branch.
- g. Each fire hydrant shall be provided with a 48" flexible, reflective post mounted to the hydrant.

## **9. WATER SERVICE INSTALLATION**

- a. Tapping Pipe
  - 1. Service saddles will be used on every tap. Live taps only. Saddles will be epoxy coated with stainless steel bands. All saddles to be CC thread.
- b. Service connections shall be constructed after the new water main has been tested and disinfected and ready for service.
- c. Corporation stops shall be installed in the pipe at the 10 o'clock or 2 o'clock position. The length of travel of the tap should be so established that when the corporation stop is inserted and tightened with a 14-inch wrench, a minimum of one thread and a maximum of three threads will be exposed on the outside place.
- d. All work on service connections shall be properly coordinated with the Southwick Water Department. The Contractor shall notify users 24 hours in advance of when he proposes to discontinue service. Water service shut downs will only be performed by the Southwick Water Department.
- e. Install tubing from the corporation stop to the curb stop for a new service changeover. Install to a depth of 5.5 feet, A "goose neck" shall be installed in the new service pipe. Care shall be exercised in the placing and laying of copper tubing to be sure that the pipe does not have any kinks and is not installed near sharp stones or ledge which would cause damage to the pipe. Place at least 12 inches of common fill with no stone greater than 2 inches in maximum dimension, adjacent to and above the tubing. The service line must not be any deeper than 5.5 feet below finish grade or less than 4.5' below finish grade.
- f. Non copper service lines must be installed with a 12 gauge tracer wire.
- g. Install curb stop and curb box (new service installation) at the approximate property line or as otherwise directed by the Water Department and connect with new copper tubing. Install curb box vertically, centered over the operating key, with the elevation of the top adjusted to conform to the finished grade. Adequately support the box during backfilling to maintain vertical alignment. Care must be taken to insure that the curb box does not rest on the curb stop.
- h. All water service lines must be visually inspected by the Southwick Water Department prior to backfill. Each single family residence requires an individual water tap. Duplex homes require two separate water taps. The domestic service line must be tapped separately from the fire line off the water main, unless otherwise approved by the Water Commissioners. Service lines longer than 100' feet in total length require the installation of a meter pit setter. The meter pit setter will be installed at the property line and in the town right of way where possible. Meter pits must be an approved item by the Southwick Water Department.

## **10. RESTORATION**

Town streets, roadways and "right of ways" shall be restored to the conditions specified by the Director of Public Works.

## **III. WATER MAIN EXTENSION REQUESTS**

- 1. All requests for extensions to water transmission mains shall be in writing to the Board of Water Commissioners.
- 2. Request shall include the following minimum information: date of request, name of petitioner, organization, firm of business, mailing address, location of property requiring water and date required.
- 3. The petitioner or delegated representative shall submit the request, be available for a meeting with the Board, and have the authority to contract with the board. Request for extensions in subdivisions must be submitted and approved prior to any submission of Definitive Subdivision Plans to the Planning Board.



4. Requests shall be classified by the Board as minor and major extensions. A minor extension is an addition to an existing transmission main not requiring significant amounts of water from the distribution system. An example of a minor extension is a simple addition to an existing 8-inch main for a single-family dwelling. A major extension is an addition to an existing transmission main requiring significant amounts of water from the distribution system. Examples of major extensions include sub-divisions on accepted, private or proposed streets; multiples or series of residential units of a permanent or temporary status, and business or industrial parks. Major extension requests will be reviewed by the Water Department, Engineering Department and the Board of Water Commissioners.

5. Requests for major extensions shall include two copies of engineering plan and profile drawings or blueprints of the plan, in accordance with the standard drafting practices, stamped by a professional engineer for review and evaluation by the Board.

#### **IV. PROJECT DESIGN**

1. Engineering proposals shall be designed or approved by a reputable firm with expertise in water distribution.

2. Minimum engineering data shall include name of petitioner, organization, firm or business; location of property requiring water; type, location and size of existing mains, hydrants valves or appurtenances; type, location and size of proposed mains, hydrants, valves or appurtenances; floor plans; utility layouts; type and use of units; existing property lines; extension or options for expansion potential; meter type, size, quantity and location; pressure controls, and any other pertinent information necessary to make practical and technical decisions.

3. Project design must incorporate the following features:

A. All water mains shall be laid at least ten (10) feet horizontally from any existing or proposed sewer. The distance shall be measured edge to edge.

B. Air releases must be located at the system high points.

C. Loops must be made to the existing system whenever possible.

D. Gate valves will be required on each branch of any intersection of water mains.

E. Hydrants must be located at four hundred ft. (400') intervals on the main or at locations to be specified by the water commission board.

F. In-line gates must be located at eight hundred (800') intervals, within 6' of fire hydrants.

G. All water mains must be looped. The Board will not consider any request for extension of a main 500' or longer which is not capable of eventually being looped.

4. Special units or accessories attached to or affecting the water distribution system shall be designed or approved by a reputable firm with expertise in that field and engineering drawings shall be submitted for evaluation by the Board.

5. Engineering change order, design changes or engineering corrections and revisions shall be resubmitted for concurrence by the Board.

6. All engineering drawings and related records shall be kept current with construction. Costs related to recording and filing of engineering change orders shall be borne by the petitioners.

7. A copy of all the finalized engineering drawing shall be submitted for Water Department files. A legible blueprint or commercially duplicated copy will be considered acceptable. Finalized engineering drawing data shall include all subsurface utility locations vital to all service and maintenance features.

8. A Mylar record copy of finalized engineering drawings shall be submitted for the Town Engineer and Water Department files.

9. Material sizes and specifications shall be determined by the Board of Water Commissioners selections such as type and size shall be based upon individual and community needs. In general, extensions shall be continuations of the same size, but not less than 8-inch diameter, as the existing main to a termination point determined by the Board. The length of a requested extension shall be a least equal to the length of the petitioner's property from which a water service is connected.

#### **V. PETITIONER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Petitioners are responsible for cost of materials and installation on private property. Extensions are subject to inspection approval by the Department. Inspections may be scheduled or non-scheduled and will be under the control of the Southwick Water Department.

Inspection approval does not waive petitioner responsibilities in case of subsequent deficiencies, failures or latent defects.

2. Petitioners are responsible for cost of material installed on public ways.
3. Related and unforeseen expenses such as Police service fill material, extraordinary excavation, structural reinforcements, borings or special materials and services, shall be the responsibility of the petitioner for all water line installations.
4. Materials shall be procured by the petitioner, Pipe, fittings, hydrants, controls or appurtenances shall be of a brand and quality acceptable and compatible to Department standards, and will be submitted via shop drawing specifications to the Department for approval. Information or assistance on material procurement may be obtained from the Water Department upon request.
5. Terrain shall be brought to proper sub-grade, which is within one foot of finish grade, prior to installation of pipe so as to assure adequate cover of pipe and practical mounting of hydrants or appurtenances.
6. All lines shall have a minimum of five feet of acceptable cover to prevent freezing.
7. Performance bonds may be required when deemed necessary by the Board. Bonding may be integrated and controlled by the Planning Board when practical or under conditions and amounts determined by the Board of Water Commissioners. Performance bonds that include water mains shall not be released unless approved by majority vote of the Board of Water Commissioners and Planning Board.
8. The petitioner shall pay the Water Department an administrative fee equal to \$0.50/foot of main installed to defray the town's administrative, legal and engineering expenses associated with the extension.
9. The petitioner shall enter into written contract with the Board acknowledging responsibilities of both parties. Contracts may be waived by the Board of Water Commissioners.

## **VI. PROJECT APPROVAL**

1. Requests for water line extensions shall be approved by a "two-thirds" vote of the Board of Water Commissioners. Note: Approval of a water line extension is an indication that an acceptable proposal for the distribution of water has been submitted but is not to be construed as an endorsement of any project.
2. Conferences for information on basic guidelines and policies of the Water Department Superintendent, Engineering Department, Planning Board, Health Department, Fire Department and Water commissioners are encouraged prior to initiating requests for water transmission line extensions. Comments from officials shall be forwarded to the Water Department for evaluating when considering approval.
3. A petitioner's water line extension is to commence within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of Board approval. The Southwick Water Department shall determine and verify a commencement date by reviewing evidence of a significant starting event. A petitioner's water line extension shall be completed within seven hundred and thirty (730) calendar days from date of Board approval. The Water Department shall determine and verify a completion date by reviewing project requirements with the petitioner and Board of Water Commissioners. Failure to comply with commencement or completion dates shall require re-approval for the extension by the Board.
4. A completed water transmission line shall pass an acceptable 365 calendar day performance test. No significant defects shall be observed during the test period. Classification of defects (significant or non-significant) shall be determined by the Board. The petitioner will be responsible for repairs and replacement of materials up to 365 calendar days from date of project completion. The Water Department shall be notified, shall verify and record a project completion date. If a completion date is not recorded or is under dispute for a project, a probable completion date shall be established by the Board based upon available evidence and information and used as a project completion date to initiate the performance test. Repair or replacement of any part of the extension within the performance test period shall initiate a re-test period of 365 calendar days, repeated as necessary, for that item only. Quality tests and checks of materials or installations may be imposed by the water department as part of a performance test when deemed practical. Materials and installations classified substandard by the water department shall be replaced by the petitioner.
5. The petitioner shall be responsible for complying with all laws, regulations, hearings, ordinances, permits, rules or licenses of the Federal, State, County and Municipal authorities.
6. The Town of Southwick Water Department shall totally control water service and fees to all subscribers on any water transmission line extension started, under construction, completed, in a performance test phase, or under dispute. A water service connection to any water main shall be requested of and approved by the Board of Water Commissioners.
7. Approvals of water line extensions are not transferable to another agent of successor. Transfers shall be resubmitted as an original petition for reconsideration and appropriate action by the board.

8. The Board of Water Commissioners shall control the right to supplement, revise or waive, any of the aforementioned guidelines as conditions of approval when considered beneficial to the interests of the Town of Southwick health and welfare.

9. The Board of Water Commissioners may nullify any previously approved water line extension or appurtenance in total or in part for failure to complete any requirement. Nullified approvals shall be resubmitted as an original petition for reconsideration and appropriate action by the Board.

## **VII. FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF INSTALLED MAINS**

1. The petitioner shall submit a written request for final acceptance of a water line extension upon fulfillment of all requirements including a performance test.

2. Criteria for acceptance shall include satisfactory completion of the performance test; fulfillment of all contracts, agreements and obligations as approved or amended; assurance that design layouts and specifications of all appurtenance are adequate by design and construction, and functioning properly and submittal of Mylar "AS BUILT" plans and digital ".dwg" files to the Town Engineer. As built drawings are required within two weeks of completion of the project.

3. "AS BUILT" plans shall include surface & in-line ties to all valves, fittings, service corporations and curb boxes. Final "AS BUILT" plans shall contain all information shown on the approved construction drawings and shall clearly indicate where changes were made during construction. Completed plans shall be titled "AS BUILT" and be stamped and dated by a Professional Engineer registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Professional Engineers stamp is required to certify any changes made to the contract drawings and shall not dictate responsibility for the original design drawings. The contractor may elect to use a combination of reproducible duplicates of the design drawings and revised CAD drawings to provide a complete set of "AS BUILT" plans.

4. Approved extensions of water mains on public ways shall become the responsibility of the Southwick Water Department upon an acceptance vote by a majority of the Board of Water Commissioners. The Board will not consider acceptance for responsibility of water lines on private property. Acceptance of a private way as a public way by the Town of Southwick shall not preclude a contractor's obligation to the Board.

### **SERVICE FEES**

**1. Subdivisions: \$825.00 (Developer only)**

**2. New services: \$1200.00**

**No new services between December 1 and April 1**