



Town of Wilbraham

Board of Water Commissioners
240 Springfield Street
Wilbraham, Massachusetts 01095

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 12, 2017

The Wilbraham Board of Water Commissioners called the meeting to order at 8:57 am at the Wilbraham Town Hall. Commissioners present were: James Dunbar and Mary McCarthy. Also present were Edmond Miga, DPW Director, Lionel Duquette, Water Superintendent and Tonya Basch, Assistant DPW Director.

MINUTES:

Motion was made and unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the December 1, 2016 meeting.

MWRA:

Reviewed flows for the month of December, 2016. We are a little lower than last year at this time. Overall, we are a little higher than previous years because of the hot dry summer.

CVA:

Nothing new to report.

BUDGET:

Nothing has changed really. On Form A2 a few things were switched up in order that we have more in retained earnings. We estimate that we need about \$130,000.00 for the tank.

In February, Ed will meet with Capital Planning to present a Capital Plan. Looking at an addition on the existing DPW Building. A wash bay is part of the proposal. The Water Department and General Fund would have to bond over twenty (20) years. It would cost between \$500,000 - \$750,000.00.

WATER DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

Generators. A thicker slab was poured. The electrical will be shut down Friday and the generators will be working next Friday. Two weeks after McIntosh will be done.

Amount outstanding on the water bills is \$78,279.51. Began serving shut off notices.

Tonya and Lionel attended a cross connection class in order to become a water surveyor. They both passed and are able to inspect backflow devices.

Sprinkler systems and backflow devices. Conversations took place with Dan Kapaska of DEP. He indicated that we cannot be forced to inspect. We are currently working on a plan to be in compliance with the cross connection program. We have been communicating with the plumbing inspector. We will look at it and we will handle it. They want to know how many. We discussed with Lance Trevallion, building inspector and Bernie Sears, plumbing inspector. They reviewed the records and indicated that only two (2) permits were pulled for sprinkler systems. They will start permitting them and will indicate that if you put in a sprinkler system, a backflow device must also be installed, inspected and tested once a year. Additionally, anyone having a sprinkler system will be notified. There are no residential surveys. We must have paperwork indicating that we have been in the facility and have inspected.

Any home that is on the public water system and have an irrigation system we are looking to put the burden on the homeowners. When we issue the letter to the residents, we will need to do some regulation updates.

Signed Abatements.

Reviewed hardships.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Second meters: Motion was made and unanimously voted to approve the draft letter indicating no payment of administrative fee yields no discount; and the draft agreement acknowledging that they will pay the administrative fee.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a water main break on Miller Street last Wednesday. Had a 16" blowout. Called in Gomes Construction. We had to go on the tank. Gomes Construction got it back on line at 9:00. We will have to repair the road in the spring. Some of the water from the break went into a cellar. Many gates had to be exercised. We received a bill from the Ludlow Police Department for \$1,500.00.

Ed advised the Board that they should prepare a section for the Town Report.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2017 at 8:45AM.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna E. Daviau
Administrative Assistant.