



Town of Wilbraham

Board of Water Commissioners
240 Springfield Street
Wilbraham, Massachusetts 01095

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Minutes of Meeting
June 17, 2021

Present by phone: Guest, Jim Murphy.

Physically Present: Commissioners James Dunbar, Rik Alvarez, Douglas Hutcheson, and Water Superintendent, Vinnie Pafumi; Donna Daviau, Administrative Assistant and Annette Grasso, Engineering Clerk.

This meeting is conducted in compliance with Massachusetts Governor Charles D. Baker's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c 30A §20 (attached) signed March 12, 2020.

Announcement Per MGL c.36(a), 2020

The Chairman stated the following: In accordance with Mass. General Law Chapter 30(a), section 20, I announce that this meeting of the Wilbraham Board of Water Commissioners is being recorded by the Engineering/DPW Office; and asked if there is anyone present who is also recording this meeting. No one was recording and the minutes reflect that one indicated that they are recording this meeting.

The Chairman announced that this meeting is conducted in Compliance with Massachusetts Governor Charles D. Baker's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, §20 signed March 12, 2020. Most participants of this meeting are attending electronically.

CALLED MEETING TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES:

Motion was made and unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the May 13, 2021 meeting.

BUDGET:

MWRA:

WATER DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

Daily Flows: Off to a great start. We have been using more than the last couple of years.

Five hundred eighty Demand Bills went out. They are dated June 16, 2021 and are due on June 30, 2021. Customers received their bill on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

Outstanding Balance is \$129,767.16 as of June 16, 2021. This does not include Friendly's bankruptcy.

Signed Abatement.

Reviewed hardships.

15 Millbrook Drive. Resident does not wish to pursue any refund. He will just pay the bill.

Tighe & Bond Meeting relative to Water Rules and Regulations. Motion was made and unanimously voted to place on the Agenda for next the meeting to discuss with the DPW Director.

Recuperate Overtime expenses. Motion was made and unanimously voted to place on the Agenda for the next meeting to discuss with the DPW Director.

Combine Water Commission with Sewer Commission input from Springfield. Motion was made and unanimously voted to place on the Agenda for the next meeting to discuss with the DPW Director.

Fire Department billing. This has been settled.

Statement relative to HWRSD lead and copper. Doug will have this statement prepared for next meeting.

Doug was to have a statement ready relative to HWRSD lead and copper. Our system does not have lead. Vinnie indicated that this is an infrastructure issue. We must communicate with the users. Stagnant sinks, water bubblers, are usually the culprits that produce traces of lead/copper. Put in the Rules and Regulations use as guidelines. To eliminate the trace lead and copper, the sinks and bubblers must be flushed or run. We must verify this is being done.

Other Business:

There has been increased algae activity at the Quabbin Reservoir. It is similar to what had happened in 2019. MWRA has increased the level of monitoring and treating. A statement has been put on the Town website.

Executive Session: As Chairman of the Water Commissioners I hereby announce the Water Commissioners will hold an Executive Session for the following purposes: Per M.G.L. c. 30A §21(a)(4) To discuss the deployment of security personnel or devises or strategies with respect thereto; and as the Chairman I so declare and that the Water Commissioners shall reconvene in open session only to adjourn. Or so Moved. Motion was made by Doug and seconded by Rik.

Following Executive Session, Motion was made by Chairman Dunbar, and unanimously voted to reconvene in open session to adjourn.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2021 at 8:45a.m.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna E. Daviau
Administrative Asst.