

**Water Commissioners' Meeting
July 8, 2014**

Members present were: Gregg Edwards, Chris Stewart

Employees present were: John Driscoll, Ron Davan

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dana.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 2-0 in favor.

The May 6, 2014 minutes were approved on a motion by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 2-0 in favor.

The June 3, 2014 minutes were approved on a motion by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 2-0 in favor.

Old Business:

The Manager and the Superintendent revisited with the Board the two proposals from Tighe & Bond for both the water tank painting on Johnson Avenue and the SCADA system upgrades at various locations. The Mass DEP would likely grant some extension to Templeton Water on the deadline in 2015 based on both the water department's financial standing and the Town's absent bond rating. The Manager said that the only way to borrow funds for the water department was via another USDA loan which had both undesirable loan interest rates and terms; but that another traditional general obligation to be voted on at town meeting was out of the question.

The Manager added that the SCADA system upgrades could likely be done out of the current FY15 water budget funding and that it would be of great value for the water standby operator to be able to stop the pumping of all system water remotely via smart phone. The damage done to town roads would be greatly reduced if the flow of water being pumped to the location of the water main rupture could be reduced and/or stopped completely. The Manager and Superintendent would be setting up a meeting with Tighe & Bond this month to discuss both the water tank and SCADA issues.

New Business:

The Manager had distributed copies to the Board of water sales summaries from both FY13 and FY14 for the purposes of comparison. Total gallons sold were down by 9,114,250 or by **-7.24%**, whereas total revenue collected was up by \$66,290 or by **+5.52%**. On the miscellaneous income side, total revenue was down by \$14,705 or by **-19.42%**. The Manager said that the 23% water rate increase was not implemented until the second quarter of FY14 (December 2013) and informed the Board that had it been implemented in the first quarter of FY14 (September 2013) instead that the revenues would have been up by something closer to **+15.58%**, a.k.a. the 23.00% planned water rate increase less the 7.24% drop in gallons sold.

There being no other Open Session business to discuss, on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Chris, 2-0 in favor the Water Commissioners' Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll
General Manager