

Water Commissioners' Meeting
May 1st, 2012

Members present were: Dana Blais, Gregg Edwards, Julie Farrell

Employees present were: John Driscoll, Ron Davan, Kathy Webster

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

The agenda was approved on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Julie, 3-0 in favor.

The April 3rd minutes were approved on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Julie, 3-0 in favor.

Old Business:

The Manager and Superintendent updated the Board on the status of the Back Bay Phase IV reconstruction project. The awarded contractor Boucher Construction Co. had shown up yesterday and begun to start excavating the roadway. When Mike Pingpank learned of this, he notified Bud Chase to issue an immediate stoppage of work notice since the selectmen had not yet signed the agreement. The situation had straightened itself out the following day with signatures and the process had resumed. Templeton Water is now performing water utility work in the areas of Columbus Ave., Cherry St., Mason St. and Summer St.

The alleged billing dispute originating from #676 Baldwinville Rd. had been tabled per the General Manager, as he had spoken with the property owner and had anticipated a

high audience turnout because of the SCOC (Senior Center Oversight Committee) presence at this evening's water commissioners' meeting.

The General Manager and Superintendent began a discussion of what a monumental waste of their time it had been to attend the SCOC meeting. The General Manager and Superintendent were both verbally abused by Doug Morrison, Frank Moschetti, Bud Chase and others for 65 minutes about a problem that Templeton Water had not created. Both the General Manager and Superintendent sat and endured several anecdotal stories about the way Templeton Water used to and should now continue to handle dumping of earth materials from various locations and states of contamination in the Zone II. The SCOC even went so far as to accuse the Templeton Water General Manager and Superintendent of being "anti-senior center", to which they had responded by reminding them of the thousands of dollars that Templeton Water had thus far pledged towards the project's completion of a water service.

None of the SCOC members had been in the audience tonight, so there were no opportunities for them to communicate directly with the water commission, even though they had expressed interest in doing so. The General Manager will attend no future SCOC meetings, and the Superintendent plans to forego his current position as the ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals) member on the SCOC. No resolution had been reached as a result of the 65-minute meeting.

New Business:

The General Manager had distributed to the Board copies of his proposed FY13 water plant budget for their review. After a brief explanation of the essentially level-funded new budget, there came a vote to accept. On a motion by Dana, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor the Board voted to accept the proposed FY13 water plant budget.

The Superintendent updated the Board on two major maintenance issues that would be taken care of by the end of FY12; the cleaning of the Water Storage Tank at Hospital Rd. and the fencing of the South Rd. Water Storage Tank. The General Manager added that the funding to do the fencing at the Johnson Ave. Water Storage Tank was in the new budget under maintenance.

The General Manager gave the Board a synopsis of a meeting that he and the Superintendent had attended at the MA DEP Central Office in Worcester. They had met with Barbara Kickham and Sue Connors from MA DEP and also Shira McWaters from Tata & Howard. Templeton Water was now much closer to having the town's by-law changed regarding the water supply protection districts, and had received from MA DEP

new language to be inserted as an addendum to the existing Templeton BOH by-laws. The bulk of the new language for the by-law had to do with the expansion of what materials cannot be dumped or stored within the Zone II

Barbara Kickham had previously agreed verbally to accept the 1974 Maple St. Well Site pump test results, but had not yet issued them back to us approved. Shira McWaters added that their acceptance of these pump test results would force a much quicker completion of the ongoing Zone II Delineation that Templeton Water was paying for. The General Manager had added that due to the confrontational nature of the past meeting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that any hopes for a Maple St. Well Site #3 had been squashed. Templeton Water was now focusing their efforts to replace these two Maple St. water sources with one new one at the Sawyer St. Zone II area. The MA DEP had agreed that this would be a more effective approach due to the nature of dealing with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

There being no other business to discuss at this time, on a motion by Dana, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor the water board meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll
General Manager