



## WATER DIVISION

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### **Water Commissioners' Meeting May 6, 2014**

Members present were: Dana Blais, 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, 3-0 in favor.

#### **Old Business:**

The Superintendent updated the Board on the status of the latest CDBG Project on Memorial Street in Baldwinville. At this time the contractor was installing new apparatus to meet the drainage, sewer and water needs for Memorial Street residents and seemed to be on-schedule. The Superintendent had still anticipated the permanent water main's completion by mid-May.

The Manager and Superintendent updated the Board on the status of the newest CDBG opportunity for East Templeton's roads. The Manager had not yet heard from Mike Pingpank from Community opportunities Group on how to proceed with the next round of income surveys. He had informed Mike that Templeton Water was interested in playing a role in expediting the award of this newer CDBG funding to the East Templeton area residents. He would contact Mike again to see about receiving all of the necessary materials that Templeton Water was to mail out of our office here to those residents.

The Board was given an update by the Superintendent on the South Main Street water main that was frozen in the vicinity of #257. All of the necessary repair work had been completed up to this point with the exception of final paving of the road patch. The Superintendent was still waiting to receive paving estimates back from the usual local contractors. The Manager had reported that to date Templeton Water was up to roughly \$13K in repair costs to South Main Street but added that some of this equipment and labor cost was for water employees working regular time to perform the needed repairs. The final paving estimate was being estimated at \$2K.

The Manager had previously presented the Board with a proposed FY15 Water Budget for their review and then asked them for some more time for his own review; he felt that there may be an addition mistake somewhere on some water expenses and had asked for time to double-check. He distributed copies of the original water budget seen by the Board in April and asked for a vote, having done the necessary verifications on the calculations within the budget spreadsheet. On a motion by Gregg, seconded by Chris, 3-0 in favor the Board voted to approve the Manager's proposed FY15 Water Budget of \$1,426,842.

#### **New Business:**

The Superintendent informed the Board about the filter cleaning that was currently being performed at the Sawyer Street Water Treatment Facility in East Templeton by E.J. Prescott. There were four (4) total filters being cleaned there this time around at a not-to-exceed cost of \$10,200 to Templeton Water. The Superintendent had stated that performing all four (4) of the cleanings at once saved Templeton Water money on the not-to-exceed amount by reducing billable travel time for E.J. Prescott. This cleaning would give the WTP five (5) more years of clean operation time before requiring filter cleaning again in FY18.

The Chairman had previously requested of the Manager to perform an analysis to determine how much it would cost Templeton Water to fund the hooking-up of the remaining 9 residences on South Main Street in East Templeton w/o municipal water. The Manager and the Superintendent had run some numbers and estimated a total cost of \$27,694 in materials, equipment and labor to connect 9 more houses to the South Main Street Water Main. This figure did not include with it any consulting/engineering costs that may or may not be necessary, nor did it include any landscaping/repair costs which would vary from house to house. The Manager stated that since this entire water main freeze problem would end up costing Templeton Water roughly \$15K that it could almost happen twice more before it would seem worthwhile to move forward with a project like this.

The Manager added that, once connected, it would be roughly 6-7 fiscal years before Templeton Water would break even on its capital costs for these free connections versus their revenue from 9 new water customers. [This did not include the waiving of \$27K in connection fees]. The Board and the Manager both felt that due to these statistics this project would not be worthwhile to pursue at this juncture.

There being no other Open Session business to discuss, on a motion by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor the Water Commissioners' Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll  
General Manager