

Water Commissioners' Meeting September 11th, 2012

Members present were: Dana Blais, Gregg Edwards

Employees present were: John Driscoll, Ron Davan, Randy Brown, Greg Cheney

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 Dana, 2-0 in favor.

The July 10th, 2012 minutes were approved on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Dana, 2-0 in favor.

Old Business:

The Manager had prepared a report on the costs to date for Templeton Water in both their cash contributions and in-kind services to all phases of the Back Bay Reconstruction Project. All in, Templeton Water since 2006 had contributed \$ 84,000 in cash and \$ 90,000 in-kind to these phases of the Back Bay Reconstruction Project. The Manager believed that for this sum of money that Templeton Water had received a little over \$ 1M in capital infrastructure improvements.

The Manager also gave the Board an update on the status of the Back Bay Phase IV, V and VI Reconstruction Projects. Templeton Water's portion of Phase IV work in-kind had been completed and the town was on to re-paving Cherry St., Columbus Ave., Mason St. & Summer St.; they only needed to return after final pavement to check on the height of the gate boxes. Phase V was not to start for another year and Templeton Water's only contribution to date was the \$ 6,637 in cash given to cover the engineering & design portion of this phase. Phase VI was at least a year-and-a-half off and the Manager had previously informed Julie Farrell, Bud Chase, Dan Lawrence and Mike Pingpank that Templeton Water couldn't possibly responsibly commit any cash or in-kind contributions at this time due to Templeton Water's abysmal Q4 water sales.

The Manager provided the Board with copies of the six price quotations obtained by the Superintendent for all water pipe and associated fittings necessary for the water installation(s) for the new Templeton Senior Center; a 2" water service and a 6"

sprinkler service. The prices ranged from just under \$ 10K to just over \$ 12K. Templeton Water had gone with Ferguson Water Works for \$ 9,965. The pipe and fittings had been promptly delivered and Templeton Water had completed their installation work for the new Templeton Senior Center to the extent that they could until the Senior Committee had procured a plumber to perform the inside work.

The Manager had made arrangements with the Templeton Council on Aging to send them the Ferguson invoice to pay with expectation that Templeton Water would reimburse them at some point in the near future once water funds became available after their September billing. The Manager also verified with the Board that they still approved the water expenditures since they had risen from \$ 6,500 year earlier. The Board agreed to still cover the water installation costs for the new Templeton Senior Center.

New Business:

The Manager and Superintendent gave the Board a timeline and analysis of all of the July 14th water main breaks in Baldwinville (details are contained in a report in the commissioners' board packages, which was identical to a report that the Manager had prepared for a previous Selectmens' meeting). The Manager and Superintendent emphasized their belief that the additional July 21st water main break on Maple St. was a result of additional air trapped in the 6" AC water main from July 14th, but wouldn't concede that the additional water main breaks of late (South Main St., Patriots Rd., Davis St.) were due to the same July 14th water main breaks.

A discussion was had amongst the Board, the Manager, employees and residents about future capital infrastructure improvement plans, future budgeting and future potential water plant grants available.

There being no other regular session business to discuss at this time, on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Dana, 2-0 in favor the water board meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll
General Manager