

Water Commissioners' Meeting July 10th, 2012

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. on a motion by Dana.

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

The June 5th, 2012 minutes were approved on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Chris, 3-0 in favor.

Old Business:

The Manager informed the Board of the status of completion of the South Road fencing being installed by Surfside Fence Company. It is currently 70% complete and the contractor had thus far been paid 75% of his original estimated cost. The Manager anticipated fencing to be complete in 2 weeks' time.

New Business:

The Superintendent gave the Board a summary of the actions surrounding the Sawyer Street Water Main break of 6/23/2012, estimating 100,000 gallons of lost treated water as a result. Restoration involved two water employees and one highway employee working approximately 10 hours on that Saturday and Sunday.

The Manager presented the Board with a detailed water sales summary for FY12, broken down by rate classes. Water sales were down from FY11 approximately 9% due to the 55 or so empty houses in FY12, the Templeton Developmental Center's moving

out and other factors. Water revenues were only down 7% from FY11 due to a \$13K increase in miscellaneous revenue in FY12. The Manager saw no light at the end of the tunnel for these abysmal water sales for FY13 or FY14.

The Manager distributed to the Board copies of Templeton Water's 2012 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR).

Other Business:

The Superintendent was informed by Dan Lawrence of Weston & Sampson that the Highway Superintendent was not planning to work on Fisher Street this year; that he wished to use Chapter 90 funding on other things. When asked if Templeton Water was going to proceed with their Fisher Street reconstruction w/o Templeton Highway, the Superintendent responded in the affirmative with the full support of the Manager. The Manager and the Superintendent felt that the funding was available for Templeton Water to make their water distribution system improvements, and the Manager reminded the Board that Templeton Water had already paid \$ 10,138 toward this Phase V of the Back Bay Reconstruction.

There being no other regular session business to discuss at this time, on a motion by Dana, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor the water board meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

At this time [7:38 p.m.] a roll call vote was taken for the Water Board to enter into executive session for the purpose of approving minutes from the June 5th, 2012 executive session and also to conduct a strategy session for non-union personnel salary adjustments for FY13:

Gregg – “aye”

Chris – “aye”

Dana – “aye”

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll
General Manager