

Water Commissioners' Meeting October 9th, 2012

Members present were: Dana Blais, Gregg Edwards

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 Dana, 2-0 in favor.

The September 11th, 2012 minutes were approved on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Dana, 2-0 in favor.

New Business:

The Manager updated the Board on the status of a pipe crush test to be performed through Tata & Howard by a third-party vendor. Tata & Howard had sought three (3) price quotations as to save Templeton Water as much money as possible but still felt that the test would cost around \$ 200. The Board felt that this cost was reasonable and urged the Manager to have Tata & Howard just do the test so that the results could be known.

The Manager and Superintendent prepared for the Board a review of the Patriots Road water main breaks spanning the previous eleven (11) years. He noted that in 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005 and 2007 that there were NO water main breaks on Patriots Road, but by contrast there had already been four (4) in 2012. This being said, the average water main breaks per year since 2001 was still only one (1) per year.

The Manager reported some good news to the Board; the Q1 water sales for Templeton Water at just under 40M gallons. This was 4.2M more gallons than Q1 from the previous fiscal year, an 11.7 % increase. While pleased, the Manager couldn't fully explain the increase in water sales across all rate classes and was hopeful to continue this upward trend. With 50-60 residences empty in Templeton and businesses cutting back on usage this appeared to be an anomaly.

The Manager inquired of Tata & Howard the costs of doing both a standalone water rate study and a capital efficiency plan which would include said rate study. Tata & Howard felt that although a water rate study hadn't been completed for four (4) years, a capital efficiency study hadn't been completed for eleven (11) years. They felt that Templeton Water's funds would be better served by doing the full blown capital efficiency study rather than just the water rate study. With the capital study at \$ 29,200 and the rate study at \$ 7,700, the Board felt that either should be delayed until the final FY13 water sales figures are known and the Manager and Board could then budget for one of these items.

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 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll
General Manager