

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners
Tuesday, April 19, 2016
Bell Hill Water Treatment Facility
14 Bell Hill Road
North Brookfield, MA 01535

Present: **James Kularski, Tim Nason, Richard Kennan and
Kristen Thacker, Administrative Assistant**

The meeting opened at 6:00pm.

Review and approve the minutes

Mr. Nason made a motion and Mr. Kularski seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 Board of Water Commissioners meeting. The vote to accept these minutes was unanimous.

Discuss minimum water user rate increase

Mr. Kennan stated that he would like to increase the Water User's minimum from \$45.00 (for the first 5000 gallons of water usage) to \$50.00, a \$5.00 increase. Mr. Kennan stated that after reading the meters in January of 2016 and figuring out the rate with Mrs. Thacker the Minimum User rate was not in line with anyone using more than 5,000 gallons. Mr. Kennan stated that by increasing the Minimum User rate by the \$5.00 will have every customer paying the same rate for the water they are using. Mr. Kennan stated that he felt as though this increase was more than reasonable for a safe and assessable water supply. Mr. Kularski stated that a full board would be needed for further discussion and any decision to be made. Mr. Kennan, Mr. Kularski and Mr. Nason all agreed to continue this discussion at the next Board of Water Commissioner's meeting to be held in May of 2016.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Kennan stated that the North Brookfield Water Department had 3 (three) service leaks in the past month, one at 195 North Main Street, one at 70 Elm Street and the third was at 56 Green Road.

Mr. Kennan stated that the North Brookfield Water Department had received the check from Bartlett Ins. For the water main break that occurred on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at the hydrant in the Hannaford parking lot. Mr. Kennan stated that the water department was

reimbursed everything from the water main break; the total of the check received was \$12,637.00 which has been handed over to the town accountant and treasurer for deposit.

Mr. Kennan stated that the North Brookfield Water Department has been in contact with Mandela's farm on 14 Barnes Road regarding his livestock being within the 100' of the North Brookfield Water shed. Mr. Kennan stated that he will be going to see the Mandela's later on in the week to follow up, as he has not heard anything back from him or his wife.

New Business

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Thacker-Administrative Assistant