

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners
Monday, March 13, 2017
Bell Hill Water Treatment Facility
14 Bell Hill Road
North Brookfield, MA 01535

**Present: Jim Kularski, Tim Nason, Rich Kennan, Dale Kiley, Mary Walter
and Admin. Asst. Kelly Valeri**

The meeting opened @ 6:00 PM

Review and approve the minutes

Mr. Nason made a motion and Mr. Kularski seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 Board of Water Commissioners meeting. The vote to accept these minutes was unanimous.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Kennan discussed the HVAC unit in the attic needing repair. Meacham will be conducting this repair once the unit can be shut off. The annual ASR Report has been completed and submitted by Kelly Valeri and Mr. Kennan to the DEP. Kelly Valeri is currently working on the annual CCR report and it is progressing well. There is an ongoing issue with influent and effluent filter valves at the plant. Mr. Kennan has hired Stonkus Hydraulics out of Bellingham to assist with the issue. Mr. Kennan is also working on a PRV issue on Old East Brookfield Rd. with Ross Valve concerning a gate valve that needs to be replaced. They are coming out in March to assess the condition of the unit as this has been in operation for over 50 years. There may be an issue trying to replace one component into existing system due to corrosion, etc. may have more information by next meeting. Mr. Kennan was happy to report that Horse Pond has returned to 100% capacity as of March 1st.

New Business

Mr. Kennan had Mr. Kularski and Mr. Nason review the electric rates for 2018-2019. They took the information under advisement and a decision will be made at a later date once more information is obtained. Mr. Dale Kiley discussed the observation tower and the process of moving forward with a plan of action to rectify the current unsafe condition of the tower. Mr. Kennan agreed to be on the committee to help in any way with this issue. Mr. Kiley and Mrs. Walter were given informational packets on the Water Depts. recommendation for a 3rd operator position here at our water treatment facility. They will take the information under review. Mr. Kiley also discussed an ongoing issue on East Brookfield Road that needs to be addressed and action taken to rectify the issue in a timely manner for the homeowner. All agreed that tying in to town water would be the best option at this time for the homeowner. Mr. Kiley was going to extend this option to the homeowner and let the Water Dept. know the decision made.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:19 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Valeri, Administrative Assistant

