

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners
Monday, October 17, 2022
Bell Hill Water Treatment Facility
14 Bell Hill Road
North Brookfield, MA 01535

Present: Tim Nason, James Grace, Christopher Caputo, Jamie Flamand and Kelly Valeri

Absent: None

The meeting opened @ 6:00 PM

Review and approve the minutes

Mr. Nason made a motion to approve the September 12, 2022 minutes as written. Mr. Caputo seconded the motion. The vote to accept these minutes was unanimous.

Backhoe bid – Ed Thibeault submitted paperwork to the BOWC with new pricing as of January 1, 2023. After a brief discussion it was unanimously voted to accept the bid pricing through 2023.

Article for Town Meeting – An article for the upcoming Town Meeting was discussed by all board members as well as the Superintendent, Mr. Flamand. Due to the very high number of water main breaks, Mr. Flamand is in need of transferring monies from the Retained earnings account to the System Improvement account. All board members agreed it was necessary. The transfer does not add any cost to our water users.

Superintendent Report

Hydrant Flushing- Hydrant flushing will finish up by the end of the week. There were no issues this year while flushing.

Water Shut Offs- Water shut offs for non-payment will begin on Tuesday, October 18th. There are currently 31 locations scheduled to be shut off.

Effluent pump #1 - The effluent pump is scheduled to be re-installed on Thursday, November 3rd.

ARPA Meeting – Mr. Flamand informed the board the Elm Street extension has been approved by the Board of Selectmen. Pipe and other supplies will be purchased and staged along the road in that area to secure the current prices.

Lead & Copper Sampling – Lead and Copper sampling is now complete and submitted to Mass Dep. All results, both residential and schools, were well below the action level. Mr. Flamand thanked Mrs. Valeri for a job well done with the process.

New Business

None at this time.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Valeri
Administrative Assistant