

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners  
Monday September 21, 2015  
Bell Hill Water Treatment Facility  
14 Bell Hill Road  
North Brookfield, MA 01535**

**Present: Tim Nason, John Thomasian, James Kularski, Richard Kennan**

**Guests: Daniel Davenport- 9 West Brookfield Road  
Bob Davenport- 44 Spring Street  
Kerri Drabb- 44 St. John Street**

**The meeting opened at 6:00pm.**

**Review and approve the minutes**

Mr. Thomasian made a motion and Mr. Nason seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2015 Board of Water Commissioners meeting. The vote to accept these minutes was unanimous.

**Abatement Requests**

Daniel Davenport of 9 West Brookfield Road and his father, Bob Davenport of 44 Spring Street stated that Daniel had a pipe break in his residence at 9 West Brookfield Road over the winter months. Daniel was not home at the time of the break; therefor he was unaware of the situation until he returned home and found the broken pipe and the water running in his basement. After a brief discussion the commissioners agreed to do a onetime only abatement for Mr. Davenport in the amount of \$416.64, this will leave a balance of \$450.00 that will be due immediately.

Kerri Drab of 44 St. John Street stated that she had met with Mr. Rich Kennan (North Brookfield Water Department Superintendent) at her residence at 44 St. John Street a few weeks ago. Mr. Kennan had checked Ms. Drabb's meter and ERT to make sure they were matching, which they were. Ms. Drabb informed the water Commissioners that she did have a toilet that was running for a period of time. After a brief discussion the Water Commissioners all agreed to give Ms. Drabb a onetime abatement in the amount of \$509.45. This leaves Ms. Drabb with a balance of \$450.00 which is to be paid as soon as possible.

**Annual Town meeting (Stoddard Place Project)**

Mr. Kennan stated that this discussion would have to be pushed to next month's meeting, in October, due to the lack of information. Mr. Kennan stated that he had requested the North

Brookfield Water Department's retained earnings balance from the town account but he had not received the information as of yet.

### **Superintendent Report**

Mr. Kennan stated that he worked with Eddy Thibault on September 3, 2015 to replace a broken hydrant at 99 Bell Street. Mr. Kennan stated that the cause of the break at the old hydrant happened during the flushing in the early spring. Mr. Kennan and Mr. Thibault also repaired a service leak at 8 New Braintree Road.

Mr. Kennan stated that Ross valve worked on the North Brookfield Water Department's Old East Brookfield Road pressure reducing valve. Mr. Kennan stated that he has been having trouble with g/v shutdown causing pressure reducing valve change which is not good for the Water Departments water system. Mr. Kennan stated that the North Brookfield Water Department will be looking at options for replacement of gate valves. Mr. Kennan stated that he will be talking with Ross Valve in more detail about the Water Department's options.

Mr. Kennan stated that the North Brookfield Water Department has been having some complications at the Water Treatment Plant, at 14 Bell Road. Mr. Kennan stated that these issues are involving the low pressure switch and it is causing instant shutdown of the plant. Mr. Kennan stated that the problem is also at the Raw Water Pump Station as well. Mr. Kennan stated that he is working with scales on replacement of switch and getting these troubles resolved as soon as possible.

Mr. Kennan stated that Mr. Flamand has completed painting all the hydrants on this year's hydrant list and is now working on painting Water Treatment Plant shed. Mr. Kennan stated that Mr. Flamand has done a great job thus far.

Mr. Kennan stated that himself and Mr. Connolly have done all the brush cutting at the dam themselves and will continue for the remainder of this year. Mr. Kennan stated that he and will visit options in spring with private contractor.

### **New Business**

Mr. Kularski and Mr. Thomasian decided to have the BOWC meeting on Monday October 19, 2015 due to Columbus Day falling on the second Monday in October 2015.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristen Thacker-Administrative Assistant

