

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners
Monday, January 14, 2019
Bell Hill Water Treatment Facility
14 Bell Hill Road
North Brookfield, MA 01535

Present: **Jim Kularski, Tim Nason, Shiela LeBlanc, Rich Kennan and Administrative Assistant, Kelly Valeri**

Absent: **None**

The meeting opened @ 6:00 PM

Review and approve the minutes

Mr. Kularski made a motion and Mr. Nason seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the October 15, 2018 Board of Water Commissioners meeting. Shiela LeBlanc abstained as she was not present at that meeting. The vote to accept these minutes was unanimous.

Superintendent Report

- **Service leak on E. Brookfield Rd.** – Mr. Kennan informed the Board that this service leak turned into a major job requiring replacing a section of AC pipe with ductile. The problem was with the high PSI and the old condition of the pipe. Old gate valves had to be replaced to be able to tie into the new ductile pipe.
- **DEP Letter** – Mr. Kennan is still awaiting a response from DEP in regards to the plant status increase from a 2 to a 3. Paperwork was submitted and sent to the Boston location for review.
- **Water Violation**- The DEP and Agriculture Boards have been notified by Mr. Kennan in regards to the most recent violation with Mr. Mendala. There is a pile of manure that should at least be covered and contained which is not being done. Mr. Kennan feels he has a right to protect the Town's water supply. He is awaiting a conference call with the Agriculture Board sometime this week to discuss options moving forward with this matter.
- **New Water Dept. Truck**- The new Water Truck has arrived. Monies were taken from water retained earnings so there was no cost to the residents in town. Truck is running great!

- **Camp Atwater** – Mr. Kennan informed the Board of another large service leak at Camp Atwater. This is the largest to date. The owner has been notified and is aware of the large bill as a result of this leak.

New Business

- **Discuss upcoming BOWC-WWTP Agreement** – Mr. Kennan informed the Board that it was time to begin discussions in regards to the Water/Sewer agreement. There will be more discussion to follow as the Boards work together and come to an agreement both Boards are satisfied with.
- **Review Budget**– The review of the Budget will be tabled until next meeting.
- **Plant Floors-** Mr. Kennan pointed out to the Board where floor tiles were lifting up in the hallway. He had Mr. Peterson from P & P Flooring come up to take a look and submit an estimate on replacement of the tiles on that section of flooring. He should have that by the next meeting.
- **Trees** – The Board was informed of some large pine trees on Hillside Ave. that may be a hazard to a resident's home. Mr. Kennan contacted Tony Holway, the tree warden in town, back in October about this issue. He has yet to hear back about a resolution for the homeowner. Mr. Kennan will reach out to Mr. Holway again and see what can be done for the homeowners.
- **Elm Street** – When the Water Dept.'s loan is finished, Mr. Kennan informed the Board that he would like to start putting some money back into the aging water system. He would like to start on Elm Street and connect with Ward. He feels it would be a good place to start and should be fairly easy digging.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:42 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Valeri
Administrative Assistant