

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners
Monday, January 9, 2023
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 November 14, 2022 minutes as written. Mr. Grace seconded the motion. The vote to accept these minutes was unanimous.

Discuss Minimum Water User Rate Increase – Mr. Flamand explained that the cost of chemicals, water testing, etc. has all increased substantially along with an unprecedented amount of water main breaks this year. To offset these expenses, he asked that the minimum water user rate increase from \$60.00 to \$65.00 each billing cycle. The last time the minimum user rate was increased was back in January of 2019. After a brief discussion, Mr. Nason made a motion to increase the minimum water user rate from the current \$60.00 to \$65.00. Mr. Caputo seconded the motion. The vote to increase the minimum water user rate was unanimous. This will take affect the first water billing cycle of FY2024.

Superintendent Report

T3 Treatment Class – After our last Sanitary Survey done by Mass Dep, it was determined the Water Treatment Plant would now be classified as a T3 Facility. Mr. Flamand informed the Board that he has passed the T3 Class and will now be scheduling his T3 Exam.

Hydrant hit - A hydrant was hit on New Braintree Rd. the first snowfall in December. The hydrant did break away as it should. The repair will be made in early Spring.

FY24 Budget – Mr. Flamand and Ms. Valeri are currently working on FY24 Budget. It will be available for review the next BOWC Meeting.

Aeration Project – Unfortunately there was a delay with National Grid setting the pole for the aeration system that was installed in Horse Pond this Fall. Mr. Flamand has been in contact with a representative. The pole installation will be in early Spring.

Meter Reading – Meter readings are complete for the 2nd water billing cycle. Water bills are tentatively scheduled to be mailed on Friday, January 27th.

New Business

None at this time.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Valeri
Administrative Assistant