

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners
Monday, April 10, 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 @ 6:02 PM

Review and approve the minutes

Mr. Grace made a motion to approve the March 13, 2023 minutes as written. Mr. Caputo seconded the motion. The vote to accept these minutes was unanimous.

39 Gilbert St.- Mr. Sabatino of 39 Gilbert Street had planned on attending the BOWC Meeting tonight to discuss what he felt was high water usage at his residence. He did not attend or call.

Superintendent Report

FY2024 Budget Changes – Revised copies of the FY24 were given to each Board Member. Ms. Valeri recently learned that her husband's employer would no longer cover spouse's if the spouse was offered health insurance at their place of employment. Due to this change Ms. Valeri had to enroll in the Towns health insurance plan. The budget was changed to reflect these costs. The FY24 Budget is still level funded.

Water Shut Offs – Mr. Flamand informed the board that he and Zach Ramaska finished water shut offs today. There was a total of 16 water shut offs this billing cycle.

Telephone pole - The trench to supply power to the aeration box on Rufus Putnam Rd. will be dug on April 11th. This is for the aeration system that was installed at Horse Pond. Eddy Thibeault will do the digging and Troy Brown will take care of the electrical work.

Elm Street Project – Hydra Tech has started the Elm Street Project. The project got off to a great start. They hope to be finished within 3–4 weeks. The project will add 3300 feet of water main to our current distribution system. This extension will also aid in less water users losing water in the event of a water main break on Ward Street.

Spring Clean Up- Mr. Flamand and the Water Operators have been cleaning up large tree branch debris around the Water Treatment Plant as well as around Horse Pond.

New Business

33 Shore Rd. – Mr. Flamand informed the board members of a certified letter he received from a resident of 33 Shore Rd. in regards to water shut offs. The information was passed along to Town counsel for their advice. Once a determination has been made, Mr. Flamand will take the appropriate steps to resolve this matter.

Mr. Flamand thanked Jim Grace for his service on the BOWC for the past year. He will be missed!!

Meeting Adjourned at 6:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Valeri
Administrative Assistant