

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners
Monday, July 17, 2023
Bell Hill Water Treatment Facility
14 Bell Hill Road
North Brookfield, MA 01535

Present: Christopher Caputo, Patrick Gustafson, Jamie Flamand and Kelly Valeri

Absent: Tim Nason

The meeting opened @ 6:00 PM

Review and approve the minutes

Mr. Caputo made a motion to approve the May 8, 2023 minutes as written. Mr. Gustafson seconded the motion. The vote to accept these minutes was unanimous.

Superintendent Report

Aeration System – The Horse Pond Aeration System is working great! Two algae tests were performed and showed that there was no need to treat the pond at this time. Mr. Flamand along with the Water Operators will continue to monitor the pond during this new process.

Doane Pond Spillway – Mr. Flamand and the Water Operators cleaned out the spillway at Doane Pond recently. The spillway is in very poor condition and should be looked at in the near future. Mr. Flamand will approach the Board of Selectmen with the findings from the most recent Doane Pond Inspection.

Meter Reading – Meter reading for billing is complete. The meter reading process that usually takes 2 or more weeks was completed in less than a week. The new meters are a huge asset in reducing the reading time for water billing cycles. There are approximately 300 meters left to install. Water bills for the first billing cycle of FY24 will be mailed on Friday, July 28th.

Water Main Break – There was another water main break on Old East Brookfield Rd. in front of Lime and Stone. The break was a tough one but with the assistance of Ed Thibeault the water was back on the same day. Huge thanks to Ed Thibeault and the Water Operators for a job well done!

Deduct meters- Mr. Flamand discussed the water department replacing deduct meters for water users that have already paid for the meter prior to the water department starting the new meter installation. This only applies to 6 water users. The board agreed not to charge them again as

they already paid for the deduct meter years ago and only needed a new meter due to the water meter upgrade throughout town.

New Business

None at this time.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:23 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Valeri
Administrative Assistant