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Webster Water Sewer Commission

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Draft Meeting Minutes June 3, 2021, 12:00 PM

Attendees: Tom Andrade, Earl Gabor, Dan Duteau, Doug Willardson and Doran Crouse.

Absent: Rick Neeser

Meeting Minutes

A discussion took place about posting the minutes to the May 6 and May 13th meetings. It was agreed to post them on the Town website in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

The topic of adding and/or removing members to the Board was discussed. Board member Mr. Neeser will be contacted regarding continued service on the Board. Other vacant positions had been posted on the Town's Facebook page requesting participation. Limited response was realized.

Mr. Gabor questioned the communication of various departments to coordinate construction projects to provide the best final product. Mr. Crouse stated that communication is present and was used prior to the Lake Parkway reconstruction. Additionally, on the morning of this meeting, the Water Department was contacted by Community Development about the upcoming Granite Street renovation and further investigation by the Water Department will take place on this job.

Water Department Update

PFAS Update – Mr. Crouse stated the Massachusetts DEP has certified the results from the two rounds of PFAS sampling. At this time the Town has completed its involvement in the investigative round of PFAS sampling. It is expected that an updated sampling schedule will be provided which will include a PFAS sampling requirement. The timetable for this is unknown.

Water Main Project - Mr. Crouse (Interim Water Superintendent) provided a status of the Lincoln St., Whitcomb St and Nelson St. water main project. The Contractor has performed the digging test pits and the intersection of East Main St at Whitcomb and Lincoln Streets to confirm field conditions. An additional test pit is currently being dug at the East Main and Lincoln St intersection to further confirm field conditions. The work on East Main Street continues to be a priority to get off East Main Street as soon as possible so as to not interfere with the gas company project. The



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construction schedule will be to finish the East Man St. portion then work up Lincoln St. until school gets out for the summer, then move to Whitcomb St. In addition, much of the pipe and fittings have been delivered to the staging area so work should progress without a delay waiting for parts.

Operations – Mr. Crouse stated the Water Department experienced two service leaks this week. One on May Street and one on Aldrich Street. The Water Department replaced each service line from the main to the curb-stop, where the Town’s responsibility ends.

Sewer Department Update

- Mr. Willardson stated an offer is being made to a candidate for Superintendent of both Water and Sewer Departments.
- Mr. Crouse stated the new NPDES discharge permit for the wastewater plant will be issued soon and is expected to contain new treatment requirements. Mr. Gabor asked if time would be allowed for compliance and Mr. Crouse said this is time allowance is usually contained in the permit. Mr. Willardson also stated former Superintendent Greg Woods included monies for the proposed upgrades in the 2023 budget requests.
- Mr. Willardson also updated the Board on the Inflow and Infiltration requirements for the plant.

Other

- Mr. Gabor asked if the Town was going to conduct annual hydrant flushing. Mr. Crouse stated a full system-wide flush is recommended this fall after peak demand has eased and that flushing this time of year is ill-advised due to the increased demand on the system.
- A discussion about Board officers took place and will be put on the next meeting agenda. Board member re-appointments were also discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM by roll-call vote: Duteau – yea, Gabor – yea and Andrade – yea.

Next Meeting- July1, 2021 to be held at the Police Station or the Public Library, depending on availability.