



Town Of Webster

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Webster Water Sewer Commission

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Webster, MA 01570
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Draft **Meeting Minutes** July 29, 2021, 2:30 PM

Attendees: Tom Andrade, Earl Gabor, Dan Duteau, Doug Willardson and Thomas Cutler.

Absent: Rick Neeser

Meeting Minutes:

- The Commissioners reviewed the draft minutes from the June 3rd meeting and voted unanimously to approve the minutes. Vote by roll call: Andrade-yea, Duteau-yea and Gabor-yea.
- A discussion took place about posting the minutes for the April 1st, April 12th, and May 13th meetings. Doug stated he would have Courtney post the draft minutes except for the joint meeting on the April 12th since it was included with the Board of Selectman meeting minutes.
- The Commission discussed the election of officers for FY22. Motions were made, and unanimously approved, for Mr. Gabor as the Chairman, Mr. Andrade as the Vice Chairman, and Mr. Cutler as Secretary.
- Water Project Update: The project is approximately 35% complete. The Contractor has been experiencing some delays with supplies forcing them to jump between streets to keep things moving. Tighe and Bond stated the project is still on track for substantial completion later this fall. The Commission is concerned about completing work in front of the school before the opening. Tom Andrade asked if there was an escalation clause in the contract documents if prices on material increase. Doug stated he did not think it was in the contract.
- Discuss Draft Water Division Rules and Regulations: Commissioners will continue to review the draft policies and revisit this recommendation.

Water Department Update:

- Final update from Doran Crouse-See attached document previously provided



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- PFAS Update –Mr. Cutler stated the Massachusetts DEP has requested we continue with the scheduled PFAS testing for finished water at Bigelow Rd and Memorial Beach WTP, which includes a 3rd round of testing before the end of July and again in October and January 2022. It is expected that an updated sampling schedule will be provided soon which will require monthly sampling. To date all sample results have been below the MCL.
- Mr. Gabor stated he has been following this topic very closely with MMA and treatment for PFAS could include Granular Activated Carbon, Ion Exchange, Nanofiltration & Reverse Osmosis all of which can be costly.
- 6 Nancy Drive: A meter technician went to obtain a meter reading and noticed a leaky fitting at the street side of the meter. The technician attempted to tighten the leaky meter coupling. This caused a leak on the shut off valve at the street side. The owner contacted a plumber for repairs, which cost \$469.00. The homeowner contacted the Water Department Office requesting we pay the bill. Doug and the Commission agreed to have the owner submit the bill to the Town Clerks Office.

Sewer Department Update:

- Mr. Cutler stated the comment period for the new NPDES discharge permit for the wastewater plant closed on the 29th. Tighe & Bond our consultant, submitted comments on our behalf on July 27th.
- Mr. Willardson noted plant staff did an excellent job during the most recent rain events, which can be challenging with the collection system and treatment plant.
- 46 Worcester Rd-The 8” gravity sewer main had a blockage that overflowed a manhole near 56 Worcester Rd-Roots are likely the cause. The main has been jetted and is now flowing. The area has been disinfected and the overflow was reported to Mass DEP. The main will be inspected and cleaned again by National Water Main Cleaning along with video documentation.
- Mr. Willardson stated there would be \$4 million in ARPA money available to the Water & Sewer Departments. \$2 million for Lake Street Water Main Project and \$2 million for Inflow & Infiltration.



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New Business:

Adjournment:

- A motion was made, and seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 3:27 PM by roll-call vote: Duteau–yea, Gabor–yea and Andrade–yea.

Next Meeting:

- August 19, 2021 to be held at the Public Library at 2:30 PM