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Webster Water Sewer Commission

350 Main Street
Webster, MA 01570

Tom Andrade - Chairman
Earl Gabor - Vice Chairman
Dan Duteau

Marc Becker
Rick LaFond - Town Administrator
Tom Cutler - Water and Sewer Superintendent, Secretary

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Draft-Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 4, 2022

2:30pm

Gladys E. Kelly Library, Local History Room
2 Lake Street, Webster, MA 01570

- Meeting Called to Order at 2:30 P.M.

Attendees: Earl Gabor, Dan Duteau, Tom Andrade, Marc Becker, Rick LaFond, and Tom Cutler.

- The Commissioners reviewed the draft meeting minutes from July 7th. A motion was made by Commissioner Becker, and seconded by Commissioner Gabor, to approve the meeting minutes by roll-call vote: Becker-yea, Gabor-yea, Duteau-yea, and Andrade-yea.

- **Water Department Updates**

- **Monthly PFAS Testing Report & other PFAS Related Updates-**Per the Superintendent Bigelow well experienced another high result for the July 21st sample which came in at 26.1ppt. We are working with MassDEP on a game plan including a news release. Once well 6 at Station 2 is back online we will isolate Bigelow but keep it in stand-by incase of an emergency or if drought conditions get worse and we are not able to meet demand at Station 1 & 2.
- **Water Line Project Updates-**Per the Superintendent the Lake Street water project has started but experienced delays in production due to employees testing positive for covid. We are working on getting better weekly schedule for all departments to be included on by email and better signage for traffic control. The new water main needed to be relocated near Dominos since the gas company installed new main in a different location than previously planned. A field change was done carefully to avoid any unnecessary change orders. A quick meeting onsite with the fire chief was helpful since we had to move some of the locations of the hydrants to avoid long runs. There does not seem to be a good location for the 4'x8' ARPA sign. We plant to ask for a credit at the tail end of the job unless the Commission wants to pursue a spot to locate the sign. Commissioner Gabor stated the signs are a good way to advertise the project and the funding source. Superintendent Cutler stated he would get this moving for this project and the Sewer Rehab project.

- **Lead & Copper Rules Update**-The Department met with DEP several times to discuss the lead and copper plan submittal which is still not approved after almost a year of working on the survey sheets and sample plan with Tighe & Bond. We recently experienced a lead exceedance at 45-47 First Street, which is a registered daycare facility. MassDEP collected samples at that site back in June that we were not aware of. The exceedance was reported to our local Health Department. The service is listed as lead and we are working with the owner of the property to replace the Town side of the service line with a recommendation for the owner to do the same their side.
- **Mass DEP Water System Sanitary Survey-No updates.** Per the Superintendent, we are waiting on the new flow meter to arrive for well 6 Station 2. This remaining item will complete the deficiencies outlined by DEP.
- **Mass DEP UAW & Registered Withdrawal Permit (Leak Detection Survey)**-We have added meter a replacement program to the SRF application for PFAS treatment. This will help the SRF ranking. New meters will help reduce the UAW and withdrawal permit concern. Per the Superintendent we will also include an application for a Lead Service line inventory program to better help meet the 2024 lead and copper rule changes. This item can be discussed at the public hearing on the 10th when Tighe & Bond is available to discuss all the details.
- **Station #1 & 2 Wells Update**-Well rehab has been on hold at Station 1 pending final repairs at Station 2.
- **Station #3 Well Update**-No updates.
- **August 10th PFAS Public Hearing**-Meeting is scheduled and has been advertised. DEP and Tighe & Bond will present the PFAS history and the costs for treatment.
- **2022 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey**-Tata and Howard has started the collection of data to complete the survey.
- **Superintendent Other Topics Water Report**
 - 137 East Main Street-Abatement denial for Nouria Energy Retail, Inc. The request did not meet the guidelines in our rules and regulations. The application was late and there was no proof the water leak did not enter the sewer collection system.
 - Municipal site backflow charges-Bill all or bill none? It is currently not consistent for all municipal sites. After a brief discussion it was decided not to be municipal sites for backflow devices, fire protection and metered use. A motion was made by Commissioner Becker, and seconded by Commissioner Gabor, to approve the meeting minutes by roll-call vote: Becker-yea, Gabor-yea, Duteau-yea, and Andrade-yea.
 - Per the Superintendent and Mr. LaFond the Town has signed an agreement with Baron and Budd for possible litigation for PFAS, Mr. LaFond asked if the board wishes to have Atty. McDougal discuss with him (probably hybrid in executive

session as pending litigation) he would be happy to do so. If this is of interest to the Commission let me know as I suspect that members of the Selectmen may also wish to hear what he has to say. All Commissioners agreed to be just kept in the loop for the time being with regular updates.

- **Sewer Department Updates**

- **Sewer System Rehabilitation Project Update**-The project is 70% complete. National Water Main will return next week to start work on lining individual service laterals
- **IMA Agreement with Dudley and True-up**-To date we have not been able to retrieve the information needed to help better describe the capital items in question by Dudley. We have been in contact with Woodard & Curran the engineering firm that oversaw the project for more information. They have indicated they are working on it and will get back to us soon.
- **NPDES –Tighe & Bond Aeration Tank Upgrade**-Inspection completed on the tanks. Which will help Tighe & Bond further define the scope of the project.
- **Sanitary Sewer Overflow Plan**-No updates per the Superintendent. This can be removed from future agendas.
- **Collection Operation & Maintenance Plan**- No updates per the superintendent. This can be removed from future agendas.
- **Superintendent Other Topics Sewer Report**
 - Per the Superintendent, the Sewer Department experienced a sewer main break at the bottom of Hill Street-The repair was a challenge due to the depth of the sewer main and the location, which was close to the railroad tracks. The collection crew led by our new Chief of Maintenance Steve Wilber did a great job with the repairs.

- **New Business**

- **Mandatory Drought Restrictions**-We are still in a critical stage 3 drought. The State will meet again on August 8th to discuss the status.

Proposed Next Meeting: Sept 1

- **Adjournment**

A motion was made, and seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 3:55pm by roll-call vote: Gabor-yea, Becker-yea, Duteau-yea, and Andrade-yea.

Attached Documents:

*Tighe & Bond Lead and Copper Inventory Scope
7/7/22 Draft Meeting Minutes
Baron & Budd- PFAS Litigation Agreement*

