

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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Minutes of the Water Commissioners April 20, 2023

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Convened: 5:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:23 p.m.

Present: K. Bedard, D. Luis, K. McKenna, A. Hogan and T. Cauley, **Meeting called** to order at 5:30 P.M.

Minutes of March 16, 2023 and April 6, 2023:

- D. Luis moved to accept the Minutes of March 16, 2023 and April 6, 2023.
- K. McKenna motioned to accept the minutes of March 16, 2023 and April 6, 2023.
- K. Bedard seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Warrants, Balances, Charts & Overdue Bills:

- D. Luis moved to accept the monthly warrant.
- K. Bedard motioned to pay all bills if found to be correct.
- K. McKenna seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The total amount of all Warrants is \$7840.66. The motion passed unanimously

Previously signed:

Currently signed: WC10E \$7840.66

Isotope Study:

The Isotope Study has been put on hold for the time being. T. Cauley would like to move forward with the decommissioning of the test wells, he was trying to hold off till after the Isotope Study but would now like to move ahead due to the delay. T. Cauley will inform the owner of the property and also have our Attorney draw up a letter of intent.

Drought Regulation Update:

The Law firm of Burns Levinson, representing Massachusetts Water Departments and Districts (WMA litigation Group), has filed a 2nd motion to appeal the new drought regulations. The Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution (OADR is a quasi-judicial office within MassDEP which is responsible for advising MassDEP's Commissioner in resolving all administrative appeals of MassDEP) will be hearing the motion. Burns Levinson is now soliciting for additional funding for the 2nd motion. T. Cauley spoke with Burns Levinson and informed them that we are unable to contribute any more. After some discussion, 25% of the 2,500.00 that we were able to contribute will be used for this new appeal.

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Elmer Brook Land and Parking:

T. Cauley spoke with A. Capra. The signs for the parking area are being put up. Everything is going as planned.

Other Business:

- The Water Commissioners have asked to see the District Warrant prior to the meeting. T. Cauley will drop those off to them.
- K. McKenna asked if the water rates will be brought up at the District Meeting. After some discussion it was suggested that the new rates would be put up on our web site to inform the residents of the coming changes. T. Cauley will try to speak on this at the District Meeting.
- T. Cauley has informed the Commissioners that Granby would like to investigate the possibility of receiving water from either Water Districts. T. Cauley will contact the Granby Selectboard Chair.
- T. Cauley passed out packets for the Stanton/Burnett area project. Maps and cost were included.

The next meeting of the Water Commissioner's will be held on May 18, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Carbin-Bryan Administrative Assistant