



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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Minutes of the Water Commissioners June 15, 2023

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Convened: 5:33 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:10 p.m.

Present: K. Bedard, D. Luis, A. Hogan, T. Cauley and J. Carbin-Bryan

D. Luis called the meeting to Order at 5:33 P.M.

Minutes of May 18, 2023:

D. Luis moved to accept the Minutes of May 18, 2023.

K. Bedard motioned to accept the minutes of May 18, 2023.

A. Hogan seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Warrants, Balances, Charts & Overdue Bills:

D. Luis moved to accept the monthly warrant.

K. Bedard seconded motioned to pay all bills if found to be correct.

D. Luis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The total amount of all Warrants is \$86,150.03. The motion passed unanimously

WC12E	\$37,562.49
PRwk47	\$6,621.15
OTwk47	\$-
PRwk48	\$6,621.15
OTwk48	\$169.56
PRwk49	\$6,621.15
Otwk 49	\$541.47
PRwk50	\$6,621.15
OTwk50	\$183.04
AP-PRIMAPR	\$2,195.01
AP05/24/23	\$5,990.04
AP06/13/23	\$13,023.82

Test Well Update:

UMASS will begin the research end of July or first week of August.

Isotope Study Update:

David Boutt from UMASS has split the study into two categories, lab and field work. A Zoom meeting is scheduled for July 5 for discussion on the project.

T. Cauley was told they need to run the pump 16 hours straight. T. Cauley stated that we are not certified to flow that much water and we wouldn't be able to do that. D. Boutt said there are other ways to do this and will be sorted out.

D. Boutt and T. Cauley will be meeting at the site to do a walk around. Some users in the site area have expressed interest for their wells to be tested.

(Mt. Holyoke is no longer involved with the study).

Drought Issue Update:

The attorneys are trying to navigate around the Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution (OADR) and go directly to Superior court litigation. They believe this will happen by September 2023.

Granby Water Supply Update:

No return calls from the town yet. T. Cauley presented the map where our water lines would go (into the town of Granby) if they decide to connect to our system.

Elmer Brook Land and Parking:

Delivery of the new signs for the parking area is unknown.

Summer Projects:

The Faculty and Dickinson Lane project has started. There were a few setbacks to start. We had to abandon our first dig site due to underground wires and pipe that were not marked out (or known about). We moved 80' up the road to begin again when SHELD asked us not to dig there (there are secondary wires in the ground and they do not want them touched). We moved further down the road where we remained. The project took longer than expected due to old lines and wires underground.

Other Business:

- Bid sheets were presented for Wright and Brunett project, SCADA system and Tank cleaning.
- 13 Sycamore Park: T. Cauley reached out twice to speak with property owner regarding his bill. While on vacation T. Cauley received a message from the property owner stating he had been out of country. On T. Cauley's return from vacation he called and left a message that he would be happy to discuss the issue but did not receive a phone call back.
- In anticipation of questions and concerns, T. Cauley has composed a letter explaining why the water rates and the Water System Improvement Fund (WSIF) are increasing. These will be inserted with July 1st billing.

The next meeting of the Water Commissioners will be held on Thursday, July 27, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Carbin-Bryan
Administrative Assistant